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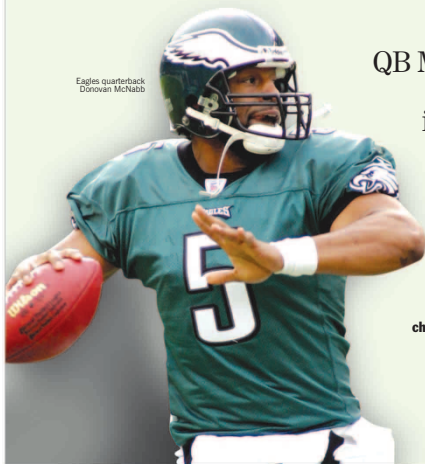
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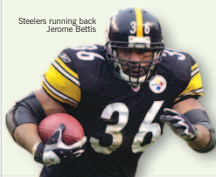
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Robert Blake trial: A former police detective testified that Robert Blake wanted to "whack" the woman carrying his child if he couldn't force her to have an abortion.

But William Welch, who worked at the time for Blake as a private investigator, told jurors in Blake's murder trial Thursday that he didn't immediately tell police about Blake's plans because he didn't believe the actor would carry them out. Defense attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach pointed out that when Welch ultimately told his story to police, he said he did not think Blake was talking about killing Bonny Lee Bakley when he used the word "whack."

Md. governor's reporter ban: Gov. Robert Ehrlich's ban prohibiting state employees from talking to two journalists at The (Baltimore) Sun does not infringe on their free-speech rights and has not hindered the reporters from doing their job, the state attorney general's office said in a court filing.

The office, which is representing Ehrlich, asked a federal judge to deny The Sun's request for a preliminary injunction lifting the ban. The governor's Nov. 18 directive "does not deprive the plaintiffs of anything to which they are constitutionally entitled," the attorney general's office said in a response to the motion filed Tuesday by The Sun.

UCLA corpse-selling scandal: An investigation into a corpse-selling scandal at UCLA has resulted in recommendations for new security measures that include implanting barcodes or radio-frequency identifiers in cadavers, officials said Wednesday.

UCLA suspended its willied-body program early last year after the director was arrested for investigation of dealing in stolen body parts. A body parts dealer who is not affiliated with the University of California system was also arrested. A third UCLA employee was fired.

Church abuse case: A jury was seated Thursday to hear the child-rage case against defrocked priest Paul Shanley, one of the most notorious figures in the Boston Archdiocese sex scandal.

Opening statements are set for Monday. Eight men and eight women will hear the case. They will later be split into a 12-member jury and four alternates.

Shanley, 73, is accused of molesting a former altar boy. The alleged victim, now 27, said Shanley raped him repeatedly at St. Jean's parish in Newton between 1983 and



THERON GODBOLD/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Kitty Hawk landing: Petty Officer 1st Class Stephen Eidsvaag provides landing direction to an MH-60 Nighthawk during a vertical replenishment aboard USS Kitty Hawk, which is at sea. Replenishment at sea is the on- and off-loading of fuel and stores while ships are under way.

1989, beginning when he was 6.

S.C. Confederate license plates: A South Carolina Senate committee has passed a bill that would allow the Sons of Confederate veterans to get back some of the money made through selling its special license plates.

While the SCV license tags have been on the road for years, profits from them now go into the state's budget.

"All we want to do is be treated like other people who have a special tag," said Don Gordon, chairman of the state SCV's Heritage Defense Committee.

World

Omagh bombing: The only man convicted in connection with the 1998 car-bombing of Omagh — the deadliest terrorist attack in Northern Ireland history — won the right to a retrial Friday.

The Court of Criminal Appeal in Dublin ruled that Colm Murphy, 52, was wrongly convicted of aiding the Irish Republican Army dissidents responsible for the Omagh attack, which killed 29 people and wounded more than 300.

Murphy had been found guilty in January 2002 of supplying two cell phones used by the IRA dissidents to deliver the car bomb to Omagh. He received a 14-year prison sen-

tence.

Murphy's legal team filed an appeal that specified 45 grounds for possible quashing of the conviction. The appellate court accepted two complaints.

Pakistan-India conflict: Pakistan's military on Friday denied India's claim that Pakistani soldiers fired at Indian positions in Kashmir in violation of a 14-month cease-fire.

India has accused Pakistani troops of firing twice this week across the border that divides Kashmir between the two nations.

Neither incident caused casualties, and Indian troops did not retaliate, Indian officials said.

Mark Thatcher case: Sir Mark Thatcher, convicted in South Africa of participating in a coup plot, said Thursday in London, that he hopes to soon rejoin his family in the United States.

Thatcher, 51, spoke briefly to reporters as he left the home of his mother, former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Last week, Thatcher pleaded guilty to unwittingly helping bankroll a botched coup plot in oil-rich Equatorial Guinea. He was fined \$306,000 and given a suspended jail sentence and was allowed to leave South Africa.

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Tsunami aid groups: Too soon for U.S. to leave

BY LELY T. DJUHARI

The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Aid groups warned on Friday it might be too soon for the U.S. military to scale back its emergency operations for Asia's tsunami victims, while an informal cease-fire between Indonesian troops and rebels appeared to have collapsed, threatening to derail relief efforts.

Following a U.S. announcement on Thursday that American forces would immediately begin transferring responsibility for relief operations to the "appropriate host nations and international organizations," some aid groups expressed concern that the move came too quickly, as tens of thousands of survivors from the Dec. 26 tsunami that struck a dozen nations still were in need of food aid and shelter.

Tallies of the dead from the disaster have varied widely, from about 158,000 to 221,000.

"My gut feeling is that no, the civilian side isn't ready to take over," said Aine Fay, Indonesian director for the Irish aid group Concern. "The American military, the military hardware has been so useful."

"I'm a bit taken back that they're thinking of withdrawing it already," she said.

Speaking in Bangkok, Thailand, the U.N. special coordinator for tsunami relief, Margareta Wahlstrom, said she hoped the military would not leave immediately because the relief operations depend on its "resources and machinery."

She added, however, that, "In a number of weeks to a month the military will be able to phase out and [the operation] be supported by an entirely civilian infrastructure."

More than 11,000 U.S. Navy, Marines, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard personnel backed by 16 U.S. Navy ships currently are involved in providing relief support in the tsunami's aftermath, according to the U.S. Defense Department. Since the operation began, they have delivered more than 8,600 tons of relief supplies to the affected region.



VAL GENNIS/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

An HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter from the 33rd Rescue Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, is loaded inside a C-5 Galaxy cargo aircraft during Operation Unified Assistance in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on Thursday. Kadena helicopters, maintenance personnel and crewmembers are either back on their way back to their home station after helping deliver relief goods to tsunami victims in Sri Lanka.

'Good preparation'

S. Asia support force chief credits training, past efforts for success of tsunami mission

BY JULIANA GITTLER

Stars and Stripes

UTAPAO, Thailand — Three weeks after leading a humanitarian mission to help Philippine communities dig their way out of disastrous mudslides, Brig. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck is watching a new mission unfold.

Glueck led Joint Task Force 535 in the Philippines. At the onset of the task force, the precursor to the current South Asia relief mission, he served as deputy commander. He now directs operations for Combined Support Force 536.

"The mission to the Philippines was really a good preparation mission for this one," Glueck said recently at the CSF headquarters in Utagao. "A lot of the same tools needed to do this mission were used in the Philippines but on a much smaller scale."

In the Philippines, Marine heavy-lift CH-53 and CH-46 helicopters, assisted by Air Force HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters, delivered aid to communities isolated by mudslides and storms.

Offshore, the USS Fort McHenry stood by to fuel the helicopters.

In the current mission, most of the same helicopters and personnel are at work. The Fort McHenry is hosting many of the Marine helicopters that fly daily missions to Indonesia. Many of the 600 servicemen who worked in the Philippines are now in South Asia.

The similarities are obvious, as is the main difference: the massive scale of the operation in South Asia, which includes hundreds of isolated areas and devastated cities in several countries and thousands more servicemen.

But the mission has other differences, as well as distinct challenges, Glueck said. "In the Philippines it was for the most part just the United States and the Philippines. In particular one is very multinational in flavor. The coordination is much bigger to make sure you get that focused effort."

The current operation also involves unfamiliar territories in Indonesia and the introduction of nongovernmental organizations and the United Nations. In the mix are different viewpoints and ways of doing business.

Part of the challenge, Glueck said, has been adapting to the needs of the nonmilitary entities.

"There's a lot more coordination required, particularly if you're going to use the multinational assets," he said. "We make changes every day. Some are just process changes. If [the U.N. or U.S. Agency for International Development] need changes, how do they feed it into the system to end up getting the result at the other end? We continually



KORHONEX/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Many of the same personnel and aircraft — such as this C-130 at Futema Marine Corps Air Station, Okinawa — that transported relief materials from Pacific bases to the Philippines in December after it was hit by a series of devastating rainstorms are doing a similar mission now in South Asia as part of the tsunami relief effort.

tweaked that system to make it more responsive" to them. "Because of that I think we have an actual stronger alliance between everyone that's here."

U.S. military leaders had less trouble coordinating with the militaries of some nations participating, Glueck said, because they practice that coordination during regional exercises such as Cobra Gold, held each year in Thailand. He said the U.S. military is aided by a strong relationship with Thailand and especially Singapore, which is helping to coordinate with leaders in Indonesia.

"The Sings, being neighbors with the Indonesians, were incredible enablers to help us to accomplish our mission," Glueck said. "The relationships that we have with some of the senior officers, from Cobra Gold, those are the same officers who today are in Indonesia. They can help us to be better able to accomplish our mission."

Indonesia proved challenging in part because the United States stopped heading training exercises with that nation a decade ago.

"It's a little more complicated because we haven't had any experience working in the Indonesian side," Glueck said. "No one had deployed to Banda Aceh before. No one had deployed to Meulaboh. So every one of those places, when you go in there you have to start from scratch. There was no one that had experience, knowing the airfields, the towns, the threat conditions in the country at the particular time. So it was a building-block approach to get it where it needed to be."

The relief effort, he said, "will definitely open the door for improved security cooperation and engagement in the years to come."

"I think it demonstrates that the American people will respond to any nation in crisis around the world. . . . Even though we did not have good exercise schedules and engagement strategies with these particular nations, we showed up and did the job for them and demonstrated the will of the American people."

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Clarification

A story published in the Jan. 17 edition of Stripes should have stated that the Internet educational program ISAFE is established in all 50 states, according to Erica Carlson, ISAFE America spokeswoman.

374th will carry out scheduled ORE

But PACAF delays operational readiness inspection until '06 because of tsunami deployments

BY VINCE LITTLE
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Even though a significant chunk of personnel are away supporting the global war on terrorism and tsunami relief missions in South Asia, 374th Airlift Wing officials are moving ahead with the year's first Operational Readiness Exercise, which was delayed in part because of the U.S. military's ongoing tsunami relief efforts in South Asia.

But there isn't a bit less urgency for participants after Pacific Air Forces announced it would delay the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection until February 2006. Originally scheduled for late May of this year, it was delayed in part because of the U.S. military's ongoing tsunami relief efforts in South Asia.

"It's better to have most of your people around so you can test the entire wing in kind of just a portion," said 1st Lt. Warren Comer, a 374th Airlift Wing spokesman. "With the people we have gone for the tsunami, [the exercise] won't be as extensive as normally seen. Basically, this tests our readiness to deploy — for any kind of contingency."

Yokota has certainly had its share of real-world practice lately.

Over the past month, about 250 airmen were sent to regions affected by the catastrophic Dec. 26 tsunamis for humanitarian-assistance missions. Another 250 left for various locations in Southwest Asia to support operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in the war on terror.

"The stuff we just did with tsunami relief is somewhat similar to what we'd do in an ORE," Comer said. "That was basically done to provide relief, not to defend Japan. But it still had a lot of things that would normally take place in both situations: deploying airmen out to take part in a mission."

Yokota engaged in a grueling around-the-clock, high-tempo ORE in September, airlifting forces and cargo to South Korea after the outbreak of "hostilities" on the peninsula. In November, a scaled-down version was held.

Beginning Monday, airmen will again tackle scenarios generated by the base's inspector general team, which will evaluate personnel throughout the week.

"This will be just as intense at times, but people won't be hearing a lot of the alarms and stuff going off like they do during other OREs," Comer added.

In September, the overrun on the south end of Yokota's runway was closed for the exercise's duration. That won't occur this time, he said, and no major facility closures are planned.

Base officials routinely alert local Japanese authorities about scheduled exercises while conducting most operations during day-time hours in an effort to reduce the noise impact on surrounding communities.

Prior to the ORE change, Yokota officials had mapped out additional drills for March and April.

"The commanders are tweaking the ORE schedule right now," Comer said. "They want to make sure we'll be fully prepared for the ORE next February, so we'll still do a pretty good exercise schedule between then and now."

Typically, an overall grade is handed out by the base's IG office about two weeks after the exercise. It's based on a standard five-tier evaluation system used by the Air Force, which delivers marks to denote outstanding, excellent, satisfactory, marginal and unsatisfactory performances.

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School bus hit on road

A school bus carrying elementary students from the Ikego and Negishi housing areas to Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, was struck from behind by a motorist on Route 16 early Friday officials said.

There were no serious injuries, and the bus continued to The Sullivan's Elementary School after the accident, said Hanako Tomizuka, a Yokosuka Naval Base spokeswoman. But later in the day, a boy who was traveling on the bus during the accident visited the school nurse and was sent to the emergency room at U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka as a precaution. He was treated for a slight neck strain and released.

The accident occurred just after 7 a.m. on the Otaki-cho, a stretch of Route 16 near Yokosuka, Tomizuka said. The school bus was stopped at a red light when the driver of a trailing car ran into it from behind.

Japanese police were unable to comment on the case Friday night.

From staff reports

Sasebo practices oil spill response

BY GREG TYLER
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan

An emergency caused by a ruptured fuel line at Akasaki Fuel Terminal was the scenario here Friday morning as a number of base departments participated in the Sasebo Naval Base/Fleet Industrial Supply Center Joint Fuel Spill Exercise, designed to gauge how quickly and efficiently they could respond to such an accident.

"It was just outstanding," said exercise coordinator Lt. Jacquelyn German, a fuel intern with the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Sasebo Detachment. "The whole purpose of an exercise like this is to learn. The consensus of everyone attending the after-action meeting was that they were happy with the results. They all learned from the exercise and are looking forward to the next one."

"Tabletop" sessions were held in November with personnel from FISC, the base medical clinic, fire department, safety division, port operations, and environmental and safety departments, German said.

"That's when we outlined a template to follow if indeed a fuel spill should occur," she said. "On shore they rarely do, but it is possible, and you want to be prepared."

German said the participants created a realistic scenario at



MARVIN E. THOMPSON JR./Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Port Operations employees use water to contain a simulated oil spill Friday at Japan's Akasaki Fuel Terminal at Sasebo Naval Base during a Sasebo Naval Base/Fleet Industrial Supply Center Joint Fuel Spill Exercise.

Akasaki.

"Basically, we have mostly MLCs (Japanese employees) out here at Akasaki, and they are the ones who would actually be working to contain and clean the spill with the U.S. personnel supervising the operation. So a major part of what we were looking at was the seamlessness of our communications between the depart-

ments and personnel who would have to provide assistance," she said.

At least one participant portrayed an injured person needing medical care, which involved communicating that the person had to be removed from the scene and transported to a treatment location.

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VA ups cap on home loans

BY LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Current and former military personnel will be able to buy more expensive homes this year, thanks to changes in limits placed on no-down-payment loans offered through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Guidelines approved by Congress in November have upped the maximum amount veterans can borrow for home loans to \$357,700, nearly 50 percent more than last year's \$240,000 loan ceiling.

Keith Pedigo, director of the department's loan guaranty service, said officials had been pushing for the change because of the rising price of homes in major metropolitan areas such as San Diego, Washington and New York.

"The \$240,000, while it was sufficient in most areas, wasn't nearly enough in some of those high-cost areas," he said. "Now our veterans will always be on par with other, conventional loans. It makes them very competitive in the market."

VA-guaranteed home loans are available to most veterans and servicemembers, including reservists. The program allows the department to provide a financial guarantee to lenders on the military buyers' behalf, which in turn allows the mortgage company to offer lower interest rates on the loan even without a down payment.

In the past, Congress revisited the loan ceilings periodically to adjust for housing price increases, Pedigo said. But the latest

change allows the program to increase the loan amount automatically based on the current conventional loan limits set by federal loan backers.

That figure readjusts annually, Pedigo said, and takes into account regional spikes in housing prices. He expects the larger loan amount will let many servicemembers purchase new homes they previously could not afford.

"It's too soon for the word to have gotten out about the changes, so we haven't seen an increase in loans yet," Pedigo said. "But I think that will start happening in the coming weeks, especially in the major metropolitan areas where we've seen prices increase the most."

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Perry pupils fold feelings into paper



Photo courtesy of Thomas Gushiken

Taeko Curtin assists Matthew C. Perry Elementary School fifth-graders Destiny Chambers, left, and Reid Timms on Friday as they make paper cranes. Curtin is coordinating a senbazuru for Perry second-grade teacher Arlene Berg, who is ill and receiving treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. For a senbazuru, 1,000 small paper cranes are folded with a prayer wishing for the quick recovery of an ill person.

MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Phillott

First Command investors must meet criteria for restitution

An estimated 13,000 military investors who bought and later terminated a "Systematic Investment Plan" marketed by First Command Financial Planning Inc. Fort Worth, Texas, are due restitution payments in the coming weeks that likely will average a little over \$300.

Letters of explanation are being mailed to a list of qualified former First Command investors at last known addresses. An enclosed verification form must be signed and returned, said lawyer Wayne Secore, an independent consultant hired to distribute a total of \$4 million to eligible former investors.

The payments are part of a \$12 million settlement First Command reached with the Securities and Exchange Commission and National Association of Securities Dealers, the private-sector regulator of the securities industry, after the agency found that the company had misled investors. The remaining \$5 million is to be used for investor education programs for servicemem-

bers and families, the population to which First Command has sold systematic plans for years.

Only a fraction of former First Command investors are eligible for restitution. They must meet all of the following criteria:

■ Purchased a Systematic Investment Plan on or after Jan. 1, 1999.

■ Terminated the plan, in writing, on or before Dec. 15, 2004, the date the SEC settlement.

■ Paid an effective sales charge greater than 5 percent, which presumably SEC views as reasonable for some higher-priced load funds.

Payments to individuals will vary. They are to get back any sales charge they paid that exceeded an effective rate of 5 percent, plus interest.

Year 1999 is significant because the SEC found that "at least" from that year forward, First Command used a "structured sales process" that included "misleading statements and omissions" to persuade mil-

itary people, mostly officers and midgrade or senior enlisted, to invest in systematic plans.

The plans, which the company stopped selling last December, allowed investors to buy mutual-fund shares indirectly by making fixed monthly contributions, from \$100 to \$500, over at least 15 years.

The plans impose a unique sales charge, or load, set at 50 percent of the first 12 payments, and no charges thereafter. If the investor makes the required 180 payments, the effective charge falls to 3.3 percent. But the SEC said most systematic investors pay substantially higher sales rates than are customary, even for load mutual funds. That's because, based on First Command's own data, only 43 percent of investors make the required 180 payments.

The SEC quoted from company sales scripts that said no-load mutual funds, which generally are popular, "frequently have some of the highest long-term costs" and are intended primarily for "speculative" investors.

"In reality," said the SEC, "the average long-term costs of owning no-load funds are substantially lower than the costs of owning load funds, and many long-term investors invest in no-load funds."

First Command, a registered broker-dealer, has offices near most military bases including overseas. It claims to be the biggest provider of financial plans to the military with more than 297,000 "military families" as customers. That includes 40 percent of current star-rank officers, one-third of all commissioned officers and 16 percent of non-commissioned officers. Almost all of First Command's 1,000 agents are former officers or NCOs.

Former investors who believe they qualify for restitution but have not received a letter can contact Secore. His e-mail is: secore@secorewall.com. His mailing address is: Wayne M. Secore, P.C. Secore & Waller, L.L.P., Three Forest Plaza, 12221 Merit Drive, Suite 1100, Dallas, TX 75251.

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Car bomb at mosque hits Shiites during big holiday

At least 21 dead, dozens hurt as Shiites targeted

BY BASSEM MROUE

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A car bomb exploded Friday outside a Shiite mosque where worshippers were celebrating a major Muslim holiday, killing at least 14 people and wounding 40, police and hospital officials said — the latest violence ahead of this month's elections.

The car blew up outside the al-Taf mosque in southwestern Baghdad, where Shiites were celebrating one of Islam's most important holidays, Eid al-Adha, or Feast of Sacrifice. The feast coincides with the yearly pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

Attacks on Shiites have increased before the Jan. 30 parliamentary and provincial elections. Friday's blast was the second outside a Shiite mosque in the capital this week and it came a day after a chief terror leader in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, berated Shiites in an Internet audio recording that appeared aimed at sowing division in the country.

Iraq's Shiites — a community that was oppressed for decades — strongly supports the vote, believing it will propel them to a position of influence equal to their status as the country's majority group. They make up an estimated 60 percent of Iraq's 26 million people.

But militants among the Sunni Arab minority — which lost privilege when their patron Saddam Hussein was toppled — have vowed to stop the election. Some Sunni clerics and politicians have called for a boycott, saying violence in Sunni areas will keep people from the polls and skew the outcome of the balloting against them.

A new Internet audio recording, a speaker purported to be al-Zarqawi, Iraq's most feared terror leader, denounced Iraqi Shiites for fighting alongside U.S. troops and asked Iraqis to prepare for a long war against the Americans.

al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian-born leader of Iraq's al-Qaida affiliate, ridiculed Iraq's most

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, at least 1,368 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,073 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said.

The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is four higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The British military has reported 76 deaths, Italy, 19; Poland, 16; Ukraine, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major

combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,230 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 964 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by military:

■ Army Pfc. Jesus Fonseca, 19, Marietta, Ga., killed Monday when a vehicle-borne explosive detonated in Ramadi, Iraq, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, South Korea.

■ Army Capt. Christopher J. Sullivan, 29, Princeton, Mass., killed Tuesday when an explosive detonated near his vehicle in Baghdad; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

prominent Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, and berated Shiites for fighting against their Sunni countrymen in the U.S.-led assault on Fallujah in November.

"They broke into the safe houses of God," the speaker said of Shiites. "They defiled them and they hung the photos of their Satan, al-Sistani, on the walls and they spitefully wrote 'Today, your land, tomorrow it will be your honor.'"

The authenticity of the tape could not be verified.

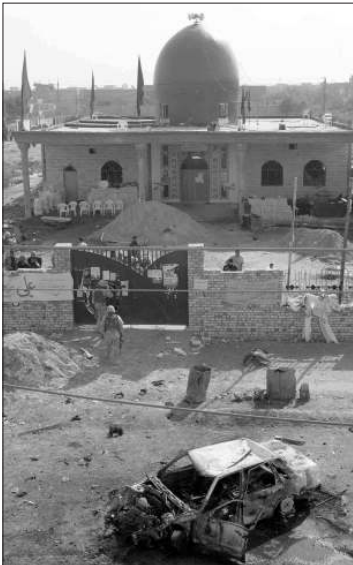
An official at Baghdad's Yarmouk Hospital said the car bomb at the mosque killed at least 14 people and wounded 40 others. It exploded as worship-

pers were leaving prayers in the building, a witness said, leaving several cars in flames and showering the area with charred debris.

Dozens of weeping men and women frantically searched the hospital for news about loved ones feared caught up in the bombing.

A distraught man sat beside his dead 14-year-old son, covered with a sheet, and cried out, "I had breakfast with him this morning. I told him, 'Let's go to your grandfather, but he insisted on going for prayers first.'"

A woman dressed in a black cloak, or abaya, faintly as she identified the body of her son in the hospital's morgue and was



U.S. soldiers and the Iraqi police secure the area following a car bomb explosion in front of a Shiite mosque in Baghdad on Friday. The blast came as worshippers were celebrating a major Muslim holiday, killing at least 21 people and wounding dozens, police and hospital officials said.

carried away by relatives.

During Friday prayers at Baghdad's Um al-Qura mosque, a prominent Sunni cleric issued a fresh call for putting off the elections until the country is more secure and free of its foreign occupiers.

"How does the government call for holding elections at a time when it cannot protect places of worship in the country?" Sheikh Mahmoud al-Sumaidi said.

"It is important to have a coun-

try free from occupation forces before holding elections. Then the elections will become an Iraqi demand rather than a foreign demand and at that point we can choose our leaders," he said.

In the 90-minute message from al-Zarqawi, which was posted on the Web Thursday, the insurgent leader called on his followers to show patience and prepare for a long struggle against the Americans, promising that "ferocious wars ... take their time" but victory was assured.

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Weaponized robots to join fight in Iraq

BY MICHAEL P. REGAN

The Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, N.J. —

The Army is preparing to send 18 remote-controlled robotic warriors to fight in Iraq beginning in March or April.

The Special Weapons Observation Reconnaissance Detection Systems, will be the first armed robotic vehicles to see combat, years ahead of the larger Future Combat System vehicles under development by big defense contractors such as Lockheed Martin and General Dynamics Corp.

Military officials compare the

roughly three-foot-high robots favorably to human soldiers. They don't need to be trained, fed or clothed. They can be boxed up and warehoused between wars. They never complain. And there are no letters to write home if they meet their demise in battle.

A SWORDS robot shoots only when its human operator presses a button after identifying a target on video shot by the robot's cameras. "The only difference is that his weapon is not at his shoulder, it's up to half a mile away," said Bob Quinn, general manager of Talon robots for Foster-Miller Inc., the Waltham, Mass., company that makes the SWORDS.

Quinn said it was a "bootstrap development process" to convert a Talon robot, which has been in military service since 2000, from its main mission — defusing roadside bombs in Iraq — into the gun-slinging SWORDS.

Army officials and employees of the robotics firm heard from soldiers "who said 'My brothers are being killed out here. We love the EOD (explosive ordnance disposal), but let's put some weapons on it,'" said Quinn.

Working with soldiers and engineers at Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey, it took just six

months and only about \$2 million in development money to outfit a Talon with weapons, according to Quinn and Anthony Sebastio, a technology manager at Picatinny.

The Talon already had proven itself to be pretty rugged. One was blown off the roof of a Humvee and into a nearby river by a roadside bomb in Iraq. Soldiers simply opened its shrapnel-pocked control unit and drove the robot out of the river, according to Quinn.

The \$200,000, armed version will carry standard-issue Squad Automatic Weapons, either the M249, which fires 5.56-millime-

ter rounds at a rate of 750 per minute, or the M240, which can fire about 700 to 1,000 7.62-millimeter rounds per minute. Its optics include four cameras, night vision and zoom lenses. Running on lithium ion batteries, it can operate for 1 to 4 hours at a time. Operators work the robot using a 30-pound control unit which has two joysticks, a handful of buttons and a video screen. The Army has been testing it over the past year at Picatinny and the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland to ensure it won't malfunction and can stand up to radio jammers and other countermeasures.



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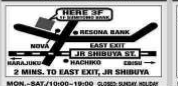
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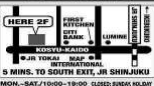
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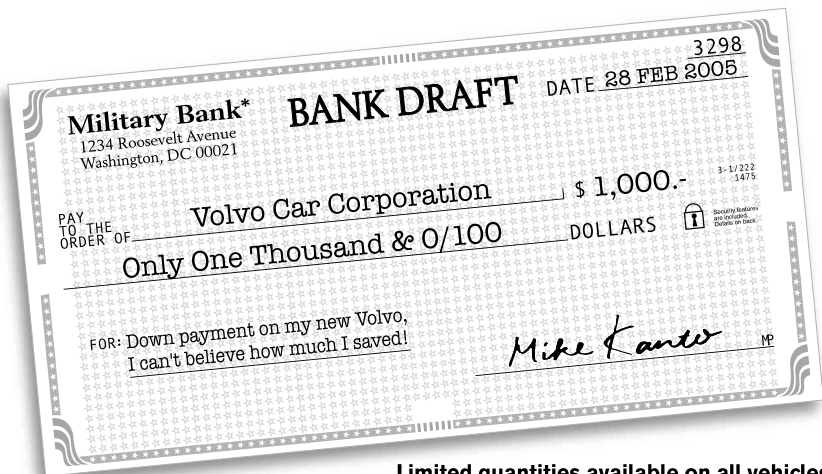


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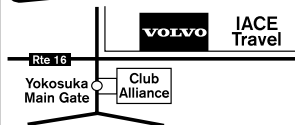
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IN THE WORLD

Cheney: Iran at 'top of the list' of trouble spots

BY GEORGE GEDDA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush refuses to rule out war with Iran. Iranian President Mohammad Khatami says his country is ready to defend itself against a U.S. attack.

The United States is pushing for a peaceful solution to its nuclear impasse with Iran but, with mistrust on both sides running high, encouraging signs are hard to find.

"You look around the world at potential trouble spots, Iran is right at the top of the list," Vice President Dick Cheney said Thursday in a radio interview, hours before he and Bush were sworn in to a second term.

Asked hypothetically whether the United States would yield to Israel in a scenario in which an attack against Tehran was being considered, he said, "One of the concerns people have is that Israel might do it without being asked, that if in fact the Israelis have convinced the Iranians had a significant nuclear capability, given the fact that Iran has a stated policy that their objective is the destruction of the state of Israel, that the Israelis might well decide to act first and let the rest of the world worry about cleaning up the diplomatic mess afterward."

"We don't want a war in the Middle East if we can avoid it," Cheney quickly added, "and certainly, in the case of the Iranian situation, I think everybody would be best suited by, and or best treated or dealt with, if we could deal with it diplomatically."

On Monday, Bush reaffirmed his support for a diplomatic settlement of Iran's nuclear program but said, "I will never take any option off the table."

Perhaps the most pessimistic comment of all this week came from Democratic Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware.

"There may be nothing we can do to persuade Iran not to develop weapons of mass destruction," Biden said during a Senate Foreign Relations Committee confirmation hearing for Secretary of State-designate Condoleezza Rice.

Both Rice and Cheney made clear that the nuclear diplomacy the United States has been pursuing in the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency will continue.

They said the administration could raise the stakes with Iran by referring the nuclear question to the U.N. Security Council if Iran does not abide by its nonproliferation commitments.

The administration has been hopeful that a nonproliferation initiative being carried out with Iran by Germany, France and Britain will produce results.

But the administration is skeptical that



Iranian President Khatami

Iran is bargaining in good faith. For its part, Iran says its nuclear program is aimed at producing energy, not weapons.

Rice said U.S. differences with Iran go well beyond its nuclear program.

"It's really hard to find common ground with a government that thinks Israel should be extinguished," she told senators.

"It's difficult to find common ground with a government that is supporting Hezbollah and terrorist organizations that are determined to undermine the Middle East peace that we seek."

Beyond that, Rice listed Iran among six "outposts of tyranny."

Khatami, traveling Thursday in Africa, seemed unconcerned about the consequences of a possible U.S. attack.

"We have prepared ourselves," he said. He added that he did not anticipate any "illogical" military move by the United States because Washington has too many problems in Iraq.

Yushchenko prepares for swearing-in

The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Organizers of the tent camp in downtown Kiev that became an enduring symbol of the "Orange Revolution" began dismantling it Friday ahead of Viktor Yushchenko's inauguration as president.

"By tonight, all the tents will be taken away," said Alexei Lomtev, the head of the camp's security operation. "We didn't want to interfere with the inauguration."

Yushchenko supporters put up the tent camp within hours of the Nov. 21 election in which the Western-leaning reformer was declared the loser — and at the height of protests, thousands packed the site, decked out in Yushchenko's campaign color, orange, and demanding the results be overturned.

The Supreme Court later did so, ruling the election was tainted by massive fraud, and Yushchenko won the Dec. 26 runoff. He is to be inaugurated Sunday.

The scheduling of the inauguration was finalized only on Thursday, after Yushchenko cleared a Supreme Court challenge filed by his opponent, Viktor Yanukovich.

Ukrainian officials were putting together the ceremony on short notice, with delegations from at least 33 countries. Among those expected to attend are outgoing Secretary of State Colin Powell, NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer and Polish President Alexander Kwasniewski.

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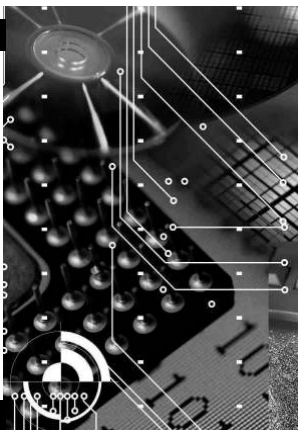


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Members of Cuba's Voluminous Dance group rehearse for an upcoming performance in Havana on Jan. 11. From left foreground: Xiomara Nidia Gonzalez, 41; Kenia Caceres, 23; and Barbara Paula Valdes, 27.

Elegant and overweight

Cuban dancers delight audiences and defeat stereotypes

BY ANNE-MARIE GARCIA
The Associated Press

HAVANA — Cuban ballet dancers in white glide across the floor, executing an airy blend of pirouettes and back stretches.

Within seconds, spectators are captivated, quickly forgetting what at first they couldn't overlook — most of the dancers weigh more than 200 pounds.

Six dancers between the ages of 23 and 41 make up the island's Voluminous Dance group, which has presented about 20 works and is preparing its current show, "Una muerte dulce," or "A Sweet Death," for the spring.

"It's incredible how they utilize their roundness," Marta Castro, a tourist from Costa Rica, said as she watched the dancers rehearsing in Havana. "It breaks free of the belief that dance is only for slender people."

That is exactly the taboo Juan

Miguel Mas, the group's director, wanted to shatter when he created Voluminous Dance in 1996. He called together dozens of overweight people in Havana to a formal dance audition where he looked for inner spark, eagerness and motivation.

"We obese people also need to express ourselves with our bodies," said Mas, who is also a dancer in the group. "We feel [our bodies], we command them and we enjoy them just like any other human being."

Mas, who weighs more than 300 pounds, first appeared on stage with Cuba's Contemporary Dance troupe as a giant baby in the lead role of a 1989 production called "Absurdo" or "Absurd." He is the only member of Voluminous Dance, or Danza Voluminosa, who danced professionally before the group's creation.

Dancers in the group have come and gone over the years,

Mas said. Money is scarce, and as an independent project, the group often scrambles to find rehearsal space and generate interest in their performances.

The group is not officially recognized by Cuba's cultural ministry, so none of the dancers receive full salaries from the socialist state; instead, they earn some money for each contract.

Mas said he thinks the reason there's been no formal endorsement for the group is that most of the dancers have not received dance training from the state.

"We desperately need support," said Mas, who added the group is the only one of its kind in Cuba and, he believes, in the region.

Barbara Paula Valdes, 27, said she feels transformed after two years with Voluminous Dance.

"I changed how I walk, how I talk, the way I relate to people," said Valdes, who weighs 275 pounds. "I had an artist hidden inside me and didn't realize it."

Wife of activist needing by China allowed to visit

Beijing OKs 1-hour reunion 2 years after pro-democracy advocate jailed

BY AUDRA ANG
The Associated Press

BEIJING — The wife of a Boston-based democracy activist jailed in China said on Thursday she plans to seek medical parole for her husband after seeing him for the first time since he was detained in 2002.

Yang Jianli, who has served more than half of a five-year prison term on charges of spying for

The couple's 9-year-old son, Aaron, Yang's brother, and two guards were also in the room, Fu said. One guard took notes, and forbade them to speak in English, she said.

"I had imagined that he would be very excited to see Aaron, but he was very sad," she said. "He talked in a very low voice, he didn't smile. The whole time he looked so heavy-hearted. It was not a happy reunion." Fu said

Aaron cried the whole time he was with his father.

"Our view is that this case needs to finally be resolved," said Jared Genser, the family's lawyer. "Yang Jianli has been for 1,000 days now held in detention."

His health is a serious problem and we are worried about his well-being," he said.

The spying charges against Yang apparently stem from four \$100 grants to student researchers by a group that he founded in 1992 while attending the University of California-Berkeley.

Chinese prosecutors alleged the grants by the China Youth Development Foundation were funded by someone in the Taiwanese government, but no evidence was given in court.

Yang's family denies the spying accusations but acknowledges he was warm and had enough food to eat. He spends most of his days doing light exercises and reading classic Chinese books.

Fu said his husband told her he was warm and had enough food to eat. He spends most of his days doing light exercises and reading classic Chinese books.

Yang now is able to receive postcards Fu sends but is not allowed to write back. She hopes that will change soon so that they can communicate until she can see him again.

"My visit was so short," Fu said. "I didn't have time to say a lot of what I wanted to say."



The wife of U.S.-based Chinese pro-democracy activist Yang Jianli, above, said Thursday she plans to seek medical parole for Yang after seeing him for the first time since he was detained in 2002.

16 pounds, 11 ounces — That's a big baby!

The Associated Press

SAO PAULO, Brazil — A 38-year-old woman in northeastern Brazil has given birth to a son weighing more than 16 pounds, hospital officials said.

Francisca Ramos dos Santos delivered 16 pound, 11-ounce Ademilton on Tuesday at the Albert Sabin Maternity Hospital in Salvador, 900 miles northeast of Sao Paulo, said hospital director Rita Leal.

"It is the biggest baby ever born in the hospital's 12-year history and I think it could very well be one of the biggest ever born in this country," Leal said in a telephone interview.

She said Caesarean section was performed and both mother and baby were doing well.

Leal said Santos was a diabetic and that "it is common for women with diabetes to give birth to large babies."

The child was Santos' fifth and heaviest, Leal said. Her four other children — now between 9 and 15 years old — ranged in weight from seven to 11 pounds at birth.

"She knew Ademilton would be a big baby, but not this big," Leal said. "She, her husband and the hospital staff were caught by surprise."



Ademilton, a 16.7 pound baby boy, was born Tuesday at the Albert Sabin Maternity Hospital in Salvador, 900 miles northeast of Sao Paulo, in the state of Bahia. Francisca Ramos dos Santos, 38, gave birth to the healthy boy by Caesarean section.

INAUGURATION

President officially begins second term

BY JENNIFER LOVEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush set forth Friday on an ambitious second-term agenda of sparking democracy in the Middle East and reshaping state pension plans after wrapping up his inaugural with moments of prayer and reflection.

His Republican allies said they were eager to begin, as well, while Democrats vowed to resume their fight against "extreme" Republican policies.

Four days of celebrations surrounding Bush's inauguration culminated with a National Prayer Service on Friday, following a tradition set by the nation's first chief executive, George Washington.

The hourlong service, Bush's second visit to the church in two days, brought together 3,200 invited family, Cabinet members, top White House aides and others in the majestic Gothic-style sanctuary of the National Cathedral.

Instrumental and choral music filled the church and an interfaith



Former President George H.W. Bush, left, gives a thumbs up following a musical performance during the inaugural prayer service with, from second left, former first lady Barbara Bush, President Bush, first lady Laura Bush and Jenna Bush, daughter of the president, at Washington's National Cathedral on Friday.

lineup of Christian and Jewish clergy helped celebrate through prayer the events of the day before — Bush's swearing-in at the Capitol. The president, who did not speak, was met with anti-war and anti-abortion protesters on his route to and from the cathedral.

Offering one prayer, the Rev.

Billy Graham said he believed God had a hand in Bush's re-election.

"Their next four years are not hidden from you, but they are not hidden from you," said the 86-year-old evangelist, whom Bush credits with inspiring him to reaffirm his faith and give up drinking at age 40. "You know the

challenges and opportunities they will face. Given them a clear mind, a warm heart, calmness in the midst of turmoil, reassurance in times of discouragement and your presence always."

On Thursday, the president was on the go all day, from an early-morning church appearance to the inaugural ceremony

to watching the traditional parade down Pennsylvania Avenue to a late-night dash through nine black-tie inaugural balls. The only thing on the president's public schedule for the first day of his second term was the prayer service.

For the immediate future, Bush's list of most-pressing duties include naming someone to the powerful new post of director of national intelligence, watching the Jan. 30 elections in Iraq and mending still-frayed relations with Europe during his first overseas trip of his second term.

Senate Democrats are delaying Bush's pick of Condoleezza Rice as secretary of state. The inauguration, they said, was only a brief respite in their battle against the Republican majority.

Sen. Charles Schumer, chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, told supporters in a letter raising e-mail that "when the inauguration bands stop playing and Congress comes back into session, we Democrats will be on guard and ready to fight against the Republicans' extreme policies once again."



A protester holds candles Thursday in Tokyo at a rally against President Bush's inauguration ceremony.

Asian allies welcome Bush; N. Korea slams U.S. stance

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI

The Associated Press

TOKYO — America's Asian allies on Friday warmly welcomed President Bush's second term, though some in the region expressed concern that his inauguration speech pointed to a more aggressive foreign policy that could worsen global tensions.

Communist North Korea lambasted the United States in comments carried by its official KCNA news agency hours before the inauguration ceremony, saying it was a "wrecker of democracy as it ruthlessly infringes upon the sovereignty of other countries."

South Korean experts said Bush's speech hinted at a tougher stance against the isolated, totalitarian North, which is locked in an international standoff over its nuclear ambitions.

In his speech Thursday, Bush vowed not to shrink from "the great ob-

jective of ending tyranny" around the globe. Bush's secretary of state-designate, Condoleezza Rice, earlier this week said Iran, Zimbabwe and North Korea were "outposts of tyranny."

"The hidden message is that if North Korea doesn't resolve its nuclear problem, the United States is willing to attempt a toppling and changing leadership in North Korea," said Park June-young, a political scientist at Seoul's Ewha Woman's University.

Japan has high hopes for Bush's second term as the leader of "the world's largest and most influential nation in the world," said Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda on Friday.

Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf sent the U.S. leader a congratulatory message and pledged continued support for Washington's anti-terror campaign, said the government's chief spokesman, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed.

Parade-route police had hands full

BY SPENCER S. HSU, SARI HORWITZ
AND DEL QUINTEN WILLER

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — At 11:15 a.m. Thursday, as President Bush waited in the U.S. Capitol for his swearing-in ceremony, the command center of the FBI's Washington field office was humming with activity.

There was no shortage of matters to investigate. Early in the day, a trucker in Ohio asked a fellow driver for directions to Washington so he could blow up a bridge. An abandoned Ryder truck turned up under Interstate 395 at South Capitol Street. A suspect dubbed the "Handshake Man," who breached security at earlier inaugurations and greeted the president, was arrested at the Capitol.

Authorities also looked into a man who threatened to bring radioactive cesium to the corner of 14th and H streets Northwest. They dealt with an unstable man who walked into Fort Myer, Va., vowing to cause a tsunami at the Key Bridge into Washington. And FBI agents handled reports of suspicious packages along the most heavily guarded street in the country Thursday: Pennsylvania Avenue, site of the inaugural parade.

"That is as secure a stretch of road as exists anywhere in the world today," said Michael Rolince, on-scene commander at the FBI's Command and Tactical Operations Center, where about 30 agents monitored video feeds, answered telephones and tracked incident reports on a giant computer screen.

In the end, massive anti-terrorism preparations for what federal authorities promised would be the most secure inauguration in U.S. history turned into an exercise in crowd control, as an army of 13,000 federal, state and local law enforcement officers and military troops chased down festivities, policed public disturbances and reported few major incidents. "This is the kind of stuff we do day in, day out," Rolince said.

About 14 arrests throughout the day were made by U.S. Capitol Police, U.S. Park Police, Federal Protective Service officers and Metropolitan (Washington) Police. The arrests were mostly for trespassing or clashing with law enforcement officers within a secure zone of more than 100 downtown blocks, authorities said. Those detained included four women characterized by Park Police

as anti-fur protesters, who disrobed in the January cold and crossed the parade route.

D.C. police said 10 officers were injured in incidents involving anti-war demonstrators and other protesters and that several were hospitalized. Among the general public, 33 people were taken to hospitals, mostly for cuts or bruising from slip-and-fall injuries, and nearly 300 people were treated at 29 first-aid stations, according to a city emergency official, Roderick Blair.

D.C. police estimated that as many as 150,000 people attended the parade, and Capitol Police said 265,000 attended the swearing-in ceremony.

"Our scenarios and planning envisioned a nightmare, but today was kind of dreamy," Capitol Police Chief Terrance Gainsworth said.

The number of arrests and public disruptions exceeded those four years ago after Bush's disputed 2000 election victory. Police reported nine arrests in 2001.

The biggest altercations occurred at 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest. At least two D.C. riot-control officers were injured in a melee with protesters jammed in behind a security fence. Demonstrators eventually knocked down a half-dozen metal barricades. Police doused the crowd with pepper spray, causing several to vomit and stagger.

Demonstrators threw snowballs, plastic water bottles and at least a half-dozen light fixtures pulled from street lamps. One officer was struck in the back by a part of a lamp; another was hit by a falling partition.

When Bush's motorcade passed, a piece of fruit, apparently an orange, struck his armored limousine, FBI agents said.

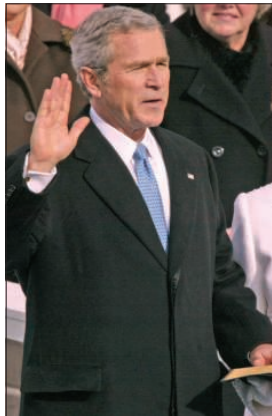
Near the Willard Hotel, at 14th and Pennsylvania, police confronted a group that lighted a bonfire of U.S. flags, fake coffee pots, sticks, barricades and other items. At 13th Street Northwest, protesters set fire to bunting on the National League of Cities building.

"We took a hell of a beating," said D.C. Cmdr. Cathy Lanier, head of the D.C. police department's special operations division. She said officers were "very restrained," despite complaints from some demonstrators.

"We were getting hit with coffee pots, sticks, barricades. We have broken bones and everything. We definitely had to fight to maintain our parade route," Lanier said.

INAUGURATION

New Bush agenda is wildly ambitious



President Bush takes the oath of office at the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Thursday.

BY DAVID S. BRODER

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In his brief but eloquent inaugural address, President Bush dedicated the balance of his time in office to the same sweeping goals he set forth at the start of his first term — the worldwide realization of the ideals of freedom and democracy.

Four years ago, speaking from the same Capitol steps to a nation which had barely elected him and an international audience that barely knew him, he said, "Through much of the last century, America's faith in freedom and democracy was a rock in a raging sea. Now it is a seed upon the wind, taking root in many nations."

On this cold, clear Jan. 20, as a president tested by war and terrorism and renewed in power, Bush pledged to seek "the greatest achievements in the history of freedom," the liberation of oppressed people everywhere and the end of all tyrannies.

If that seems a wildly ambitious agenda for a country whose citizens are increasingly disenchanted by the unfinished effort to liberate one country — Iraq — it is.

But it reflects one essential truth we have learned about Bush: His faith that the quest for freedom is a universal truth, rooted in human nature and in-

tended by God.

He reached out to Lincoln for his language and his metaphors, paraphrasing one of the Great Emancipator's famous phrases and saying that "no one is fit to be a master and no one deserves to be a slave."

But in the sweep of his ambitions to make the United States the driving force for democratization of the world,

he resembles no president as much as the idealistic Woodrow Wilson.

Analysis

In interviews this month with Bush's White House associates, I found near-universal rejection of the notion that second terms are fated to bring disappointment. When I cited the historians' litany of scandals and mishaps that befell Truman, Eisenhower, Johnson, Nixon, Reagan and Clinton after their second oath-taking, Karl Rove and others rejected any claim of inevitability.

But it is Wilson — who saw his dream of permanent peace embodied in the League of Nations crushed brutally after he was re-elected in 1916 — who might embody the cautionary message for Bush: You have to know that in chancelleries around the world, the implications of his speech are being carefully weighed today.

What was striking was that the international liberation cause Bush expounded at length subordinated not only his domestic agenda, but even the

call to combat terrorism.

The terrorist attacks that reshaped his first term were cited but once — and immediately linked to their "deepest source," the fact that "whole regions of the world simmer in resentment" because their people are living under undemocratic rulers.

In effect, Bush put authoritarian regimes throughout the world on notice that human rights and civil liberties will determine their relationship with America.

This suggests a radical redefinition of U.S. policy toward Egypt and Saudi Arabia, for example. Gen. Pervez Musharraf in Pakistan and Vladimir Putin in Russia must recognize what that means. Even China, the emerging power in Asia, may be asked to show more respect for democracy and human rights. Without naming names, Bush said that America will place its bets on "democratic reformers" in such countries, because they "are the future leaders."

In his first term, Bush used military force to liberate Afghanistan and Iraq only after he decided that their regimes harbored direct threats to the United States.

He said that the quest for freedom "is not primarily the task of arms," but I think it would be a mistake not to believe him serious in saying it is a central purpose of his administration.

Bushes delight supporters at lavish balls

BY JEFF WOODS

Scraps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush and his wife Laura, dancing to the delight of partygoers, joined jubilant supporters Thursday night at lavish balls that capped the week's celebration of his second inauguration.

The first couple opened the evening at the Constitution Ball, entering the crowded hall to roars of enthusiasm. Then after a

brief whirl around the stage to the strains of "I Could Have Danced All Night," they whisked away for a night of appearances around the capital.

There were eight other official inaugural balls with every state represented. On a cold, wintry evening, about 50,000 people attended the black-tie parties at Union Station, the National Building Museum, the Washington Hilton Hotel and the Washington Convention Center.

"I love my wife," the president joked at the Constitution Ball.

"I'm looking forward to dancing with her maybe for the first time in four years. ... We're having the fun of our lives."

A trumpet fanfare from the U.S. Army band heralded the arrival of Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, at the Independence Ball, which was held for supporters from Texas and his home state of Wyoming.

"Laura Bush wore a silver-blue tulle gown, embroidered with bugle beads and outlined in Austrian crystals, designed by Oscar de la Renta."

Entertainment at the balls ranged from Beatlemania and the Will Gravit Ball to the Guy Lombardo and Tommy Dorsey orchestras.

The hardest-to-get ticket was to the Texas State Society's "Black Tie and Boots" soiree. That was held Wednesday, by tradition the evening before the rest of the offi-



President Bush and Army Spec. Jazmin Azcona, left, and U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Richard Devon Hansen and first lady Laura Bush dance at the Commander in Chief's Ball in Washington on Thursday.

cial state balls. More than 12,000 celebrities dined on 20,000 enchiladas, 21,000 quesadillas and 1,800 pounds of beef brisket, followed by dessert — small chocolate cowboy boots filled with fresh berries and crime bribe.

Bush's supporters hoped to raise \$40 million to \$50 million to pay for his second inauguration. High-dollar donors gave up to \$250,000 each for tickets to the swearing-in ceremony, good seats for the inaugural parade and lunch or candlelight dinner

with the president, vice president and their spouses. The Commander-in-Chief Ball, which honored the military and their families, was free, but the other balls each cost \$150-a-ticket.

Some critics had called for the festivities to be toned down at a time of war in Iraq and catastrophe in southern Asia, but Laura Bush last week defended the decision to spend so much.

In a round-table interview with reporters, she called inaugurations "an important part of our history."

Norway gets confused by Bush 'salute'

The Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — A hand gesture by President Bush was lost in translation in Norway, where many viewers watching his inauguration thought it was a salute to the devil.

But in reality, it was just a sign of respect for the University of Texas Longhorns, whose fans are known to shout out "Hook 'em, horns!" at athletic events.

The president and family were photographed lifting their right hands with their index and pinky fingers raised up, much like a pair of horns, during Thursday's inauguration.

In the Nordics, the hand gesture is popular among death metal groups and fans as a salute to the devil.

"Shock greeting from Bush daughter," a headline in the Norwegian Internet newspaper Net-tavisen said late Wednesday above a photograph of Bush's daughter Jenna, smiling and showing the sign.

Bush, a former Texas governor, was simply greeting the Texas Longhorn marching band as it passed during the parade in the president's honor, explained Verdens Gang, Norway's largest newspaper.



President Bush's daughters Barbara, left, and Jenna attend The Freedom Ball during inauguration festivities on Thursday.

IN THE STATES

Stranded motorists and curious onlookers wait at the scene where three vehicles slid off the road and into a ditch near Wake Forest, N.C., on Thursday. Up to an inch of snow fell in areas of North Carolina on Wednesday, stranding motorists and crippling a region whose residents are not used to icy roads.

AP



N.C. storm brings chaos, snowfall to capital city

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — An inch of snow crippled North Carolina's capital and prompted plenty of finger-pointing as the city thawed from the surprise storm that caused epic gridlock and left 3,000 students stranded overnight.

A TV weatherman hung his head in shame before a local audience, calling his prediction of just a dusting "embarrassing." The governor accused local officials of putting him on hold when he called seeking to open shelters. And the mayor said the city's overall poor response was due largely to the botched forecasts.

"A forecast that had given a better indication of the likely problem would have been very helpful," Mayor Charles Meeker said as temperatures and tempests rose.

Residents — particularly those who emigrated from other parts of the country — couldn't believe the city was brought to its knees by just an inch of snow.

"I just don't think they're equipped to handle it," said Lori Jamieson.

When the dry snow hit already frigid streets at midday, it turned to ice just as schools and businesses scrambled to close early. That sent thousands of cars onto the streets before road crews and salt trucks could treat them.

Police handled more than 1,000 accidents, none fatal, and some people were caught in miles-long traffic jams that left them on the roads for more than eight hours. Buses were unable to take children home from school, stranding nearly 3,000 in their classrooms with their teachers overnight.

Boston boosts security

BY SYLVIA LEE WINGFIELD
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Airport and transit authorities responded to an FBI report of a possible terrorist plot against Boston by boosting security — adding patrols, activating radiation detectors and posting pictures of some of the suspects.

FBI agents were looking into an uncorroborated tip that 16 people — 13 Chinese nationals, two Iraqis and one other person whose nationality was not released — might be planning an attack.

The agency announced Wednesday that it was investigating four Chinese nationals, and a Transportation Security Administration official said later that a security briefing indicated the FBI also was looking for two Iraqis. The number jumped by 10 Thursday "as a result of the ongoing investigation" but did not signal that credible evidence about a plot had emerged, FBI spokesman Joe Parriss said.

The 14th person was identified on the FBI's Web site as Jose Ernesto Beltran Quinones, but his nationality was not given.

"Information is still uncorroborated and from a source of unknown reliability and motive," Parriss said.

Another federal law enforcement official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation, said the tip was received by the California Highway Patrol. The tipster claimed the four Chinese — two men and two women — entered the United States from Mexico and were awaiting a shipment of "nuclear oxide" that would follow them to Boston.

Several radioactive compounds take form as oxides and could be used in a dirty bomb, said Charles Ferguson science and technology fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington. Plutonium and americium oxides, in the right amounts, would be dangerous to human health, while uranium oxide would be less so, he said.

At Logan Airport, where two of the planes were hijacked for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the tip was being taken seriously, according to Dennis Treene, director of corporate security. The most visible sign was more patrols.



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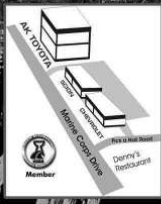


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'Ghost units' spark Scout probe

Feds focus on Ala. Boy Scouts for allegedly listing fake members

By JAY REEVES

The Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Boy Scout volunteer Tom Willis knew something was wrong when he saw that 20 kids on the list for a scouting program all had the same last name.

Willis, a former Eagle Scout who serves on the organization's board for the northeast Alabama area, said it appeared someone was listing fake members to increase enrollment, which could boost funding from agencies, make paid Boy Scout recruiters look better, or both.

"It was just so blatant. They didn't even try to make up names," said Willis, a dentist from Decatur.

Adult suspicions that such practices are widespread in the Greater Alabama Boy Scout Council, federal prosecutors have subpoenaed records and agents are investigating whether bogus boys and "ghost units" fill the rosters of Boy Scout groups throughout northern Alabama, where the council operates.

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Greater Alabama Boy Scout Council board chairman

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The FBI refused comment on any review, but the council — which claims it serves nearly 120,000 members and for 2002 reported revenues of \$6.5 million — this month confirmed it was under investigation. In a message posted on its Web site, council board chairman Randy Haines said Scout officials were cooperat-

ing with federal law enforcement and conducting an internal audit.

"Let me assure you that your executive committee considers these allegations to be very serious and is taking necessary and appropriate action," said the message from Haines, a banking executive.

An official at the Boy Scouts' national office in Irving, Texas, said the organization has numerous policies meant to ensure that only real members and groups show up on rolls.

"The national council is dedicat-

ed to the accurate reporting of membership," said spokesman Greg Shields.

Yet longtime Scout volunteer Larry Cox said he got used to seeing paperwork from council headquarters in Birmingham that listed the names of youngsters who had dropped out of scouting or never been part of a unit to begin with. At an area meeting of adult volunteers last year, he said, virtually every unit present reported names being added to their rolls.

The problem, Cox said, is with "a few people at the conference office," not volunteers who are out leading activities such as camping trips, service projects and "Pinewood Derby" car races.

The idea that someone would overstate membership goes against what the Boy Scouts are supposed to be about he said.

"Being trustworthy and having integrity is one of the prime points of the Scouting oath."

CDC shifts guidelines

SAN FRANCISCO — Health professionals applauded the government's new recommendation that rape victims and occasional intravenous drug users get emergency drug treatment to prevent the AIDS virus, describing it as "progressive" and "a safety net."

The scientific shift in policy, announced Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, says a preventive regimen of drugs should be given to anyone exposed to HIV from raw rashes, accidents or isolated episodes of drug use or unsafe sex.

The previous recommendation, made in 1996, had been only for health care workers accidentally exposed on the job.

Cosby investigated

LOS ANGELES — A female acquaintance of comedian Bill Cosby has made an allegation against him that has prompted a police investigation in Pennsylvania, the entertainer's attorney said Thursday.

Attorney Walter Phillips said he spoke Thursday with authorities in Pennsylvania who told him they have begun an investigation. He would not discuss the specifics of the allegation — which he called "utterly preposterous" — but said it amounts to, at the most, "inappropriate touching."

No charges have been brought against Cosby, Phillips said the accuser, who lives in Canada, knows Cosby and the alleged incident in question happened about a year ago.

Death penalty sought

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A woman accused of strangling an expectant mother and cutting the baby from her womb pleaded not guilty Thursday, and prosecutors said they are leaning toward seeking the death penalty.

Lisa Montgomery, 36, of Melvern, Kan., did not speak during the brief hearing before a federal magistrate, who appointed another lawyer to defend her from Tuesday's arrest. Todd Graves indicated he plans to seek a death sentence.

Powell to leave FCC

WASHINGTON — Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael K. Powell, who opposed tight regulation of telecommunications but backed unprecedented fines against broadcast indecency, announced Friday he is resigning.

Powell, who has held the job for four years, said in a statement that he informed President Bush that he would depart in March.

Powell, the son of Secretary of State Colin Powell, said he had completed a "bold and aggressive agenda" and looked forward to spending more time with his wife and two sons.

There was no immediate word on a successor.

From The Associated Press

Murray surprises Va. town with pit stop

The Associated Press

ROANOKE, Va. — Bill Murray posed with a bawling baby, yucked it up with a gravewigger and sipped bourbon with locals after the actor stopped to repair his Mercedes-Benz.

Murray declined, however, to reveal the contents of his mysterious whisper to Scarlett Johansson at the end of the movie "Lost in Translation." Besides, he said, the speculation over what he said was likely more interesting.

Murray found himself in this southwestern Virginia city on Wednesday after he tested an apple core out the window of his black 2000 Mercedes and ran into a curb, witnesses told The Roanoke Times.

Murray drove to the Roanoke Mercedes-Benz and Volvo dealership to have his alignment fixed and for other repairs.

He waited 20 minutes before he walked up to startled manager Jeff Webb.

"Bill Murray," Webb said, trying not to appear star-struck.

"What in the world are you doing here?"

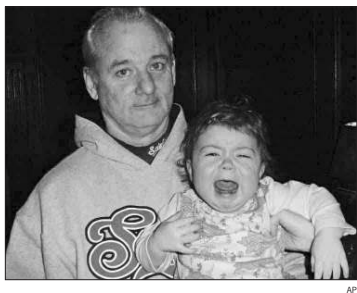
Technician Jay Jones fixed Murray's Mercedes and took up his offer of a drink. His wife didn't buy that.

"Yeah right," she said. "Just be home for dinner."

Gravedigger Caleb Rossi asked Murray to sign a bottle of copy "The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou" that he'd bought for \$4 during a trip to New York.

"If you do this, this is in for you," said Rossi, 25, displaying a 2000-01 Botetourt Chamber of Commerce plaque he'd snagged from the trash. Rossi got his autograph.

No one seems to know for sure where Murray was headed. He told the locals he finds driving to be a stress reliever and that he prefers to travel at night and sleep during the day.



Ashtyn Webb, 14 months, doesn't find comedian Bill Murray all that funny as the poses with him for a photo at a local Roanoke, Va., restaurant on Wednesday. Murray stopped at a local Mercedes dealership to have repairs done on his car and go for dinner and drinks with the staff.

Burger King turns to 'Apprentice' for new entree

By JOHN PAIN

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Giving product placement a new twist, Burger King got its latest recipe from the megul wannabes on "The Apprentice."

The burger being debuted in 7,800 restaurants nationwide Friday came straight out of Thursday night's episode of Donald Trump's reality TV show.

Thursday night's show was the premiere of the third "Apprentice" series, in which contestants compete for the chance to get a job with the billionaire businessman.

The two teams each had to design a new Burger King product,

with help from the chain's head chef.

They then had to sell it while running two busy stores in midtown Manhattan during lunchtime.

The team with the most sales won. Burger King refused to disclose financial terms of the promotion deal.

The winning team, Network, hawked a Western Angus steak

burger, loaded with cheese, barbecue sauce, onion rings, lettuce and tomatoes. (For those counting calories, that's about 700 big ones.) "It seemed like a perfect fit for us. ... Donald Trump is a bottom-line guy," said Russ Klein, Burger King Corp.'s chief marketing officer.

The episode was taped months ago. But with the burger on sale Friday, he said, "It will feel as if the product has come from the boardroom into the restaurant in 24 hours."

Burger King is planning to run a 30-second commercial featuring Trump on NBC until the end of January, Klein said. The burger should be in stores until Feb. 4. The buzz comes as the chain

seems to be recovering from a rough patch.

"I think it's a very smart marketing move," said Jerry McVety, president of McVety & Associates, a Farmington Hills, Mich.-based restaurant consultant. "It's a short, quick, targeted campaign. ... It's driven more by the association with 'The Apprentice' and Trump than it is with this particular burger."

Privately held Burger King doesn't release exact sales figures, but sales at stores open at least a year have risen for 11 straight months through December, after sliding for nearly two years before that.



Trump

Low-carb crowd, full of other food choices, thins out

BY DELROY ALEXANDER
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — After watching a friend lose 80 pounds on the Atkins diet, Marge Heath rushed into the low-carb craze in the summer of 2003.

She joined just after the number of Americans trying to slim down by eating few, if any, sweet and starchy foods hit its peak in February when 27 million Americans, or 9.1 percent of the population, said they were watching their carbs.

But Heath, 56, found the diet restrictive and specialized foods rare and expensive. And as she

watched her friend slowly gain back weight, Heath switched to a more traditional approach espoused by Weight Watchers International with which she has lost 30 pounds.

"It was quite weight loss using the low-carb plan, but it wasn't permanent weight loss. I felt deprived on it, and I had used Weight Watchers before so I knew it worked," said the mother of four from Montgomery, Ill.

Heath's path mirrors that of millions of others who left for other plans or simply returned to the comforts of bread and potatoes. It's a path the food industry

crossed, and missed, in its efforts to cash in on the low-carb craze.

In 2004, food companies increased the number of low-carb offerings more than fivefold — to 2,378 products — just as Heath and more than 16 million others appeared to have lost their appetite for low-carb diets. In 2003, when low-carb dieting was at its peak, there were just 400 low-carb products on the shelves, according to Mintel International Group Inc.'s new product database.

Atkins Nutritionals Inc., the products company behind the popular diet of the same name, and other firms such as North-

field, Ill.-based Kraft Foods Inc. and Chicago's Sara Lee Corp. flooded the market with products, many of which failed to stick.

And they're still coming. This month Kraft expanded its line of cereal, meal-replacement bars, sandwich wraps, frozen entrees and pizzas for The South Beach Diet, which limits certain types of carbohydrates and fats.

The introduction was timed to coincide with shifts among low-carb dieters, said Dr. Arshat Agatston, creator of the South Beach diet.

"Weight loss is not about low carbs or low fat, but the right carbs and the right fats," Agat-

ston said. "I am encouraged that people appear to be shifting from strict low-carbohydrate diets to more balanced approaches."

Other low-carb products have been on the decline. Even though the explosion of new products missed the height of the frenzy, it's too early to say carb-conscious products are dead on the shelves, said Harry Butler, a Chicago-based food industry consultant with NPD Group.

"What we've seen is fewer people want to be on a diet," said chief marketing officer Matt Wiant. "But there are many more people who are willing to modify their eating patterns, and that's where our products fit."

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Envision Product Design has created an X-ray system to inspect sections of the wings on NASA's space shuttles, inspections that are crucial to getting the shuttle fleet back in the air. The Alaska-based design crew has also developed a portable X-ray inspection device that is currently being evaluated for use by the Navy.

Alaska lab develops X-ray to help shuttle soar back into space

BY RICHARD RICHTMYER

Anchor Daily News

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — It started nine years ago with a robotic crawler that slithered along the trans-Alaska pipeline shooting X-rays through the insulated surface in search of corrosion hidden on the steel pipe.

Today, Envision Product Design is turning out all kinds of X-ray inspection devices, designing and building them in its south Anchorage lab. It specializes in X-ray systems that provide digital images, as opposed to film, custom-built for specific commercial applications.

Its latest creation: a 3-D digital X-ray system to inspect leading-edge sections of space shuttle wings.

NASA added such inspections to its shuttle protocols after the Columbia disaster in February 2003.

Accident investigators concluded that a chunk of foam perforated the heat shielding on the leading edge of Columbia's left wing, leading to its destruction as it re-entered Earth's atmosphere.

Envision, which has 10 employees, built the inspection system for Lockheed Martin, which makes the leading edge sections for the shuttles.

"We just installed it at their Texas facility," said John Pursley, a local inventor and technology entrepreneur who founded Envision in 1993.

The shuttle-wing inspection system provides high resolution, large format, 3-D X-ray images of each of the 44 sections of the wings' leading edge. Each section is placed on a bracket that rotates, and the X-ray system re-

turns a high resolution, three-dimensional digital reconstruction that shows the condition of the layers of material beneath the surface.

All the design, fabrication and assembly were done in Anchorage, with support from local firms, Pursley said.

Envision has grown from about \$150,000 in annual revenue to about \$2 million, and the shuttle-wing inspection system is just the latest in a long list of highly specialized X-ray inspection systems the company has developed, Pursley said.

The Navy is evaluating a portable X-ray inspection device from Envision as well, said John Green, a civilian engineer with the Navy's strategic systems evaluation department. The idea is to give sailors the ability to find problems without having to dismantle parts of the ship to visually inspect systems that might be in need of repair, Green said.

The lunchbox-sized, digital X-ray device Envision built replaced a bulkier, film-based system from Kodak that the Navy initially was evaluating.

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Sex, ski trips and reality TV

College recruiters using stunts to sway students

BY SCOTT BAUER

The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Forget course catalogs and colorful pamphlets.

Think sex, skiing and rock 'n' roll.

When it comes to recruiting students for college, admissions officials are turning to increasingly outlandish stunts to get the attention of high schoolers. Birthday cards, ski weekends and even reality TV shows are being used by colleges and universities to get an edge.

Personal contact with students is in. Indiscriminate mass mailings are out.

"Everybody's trying to do something that isn't the mandate," said Dan Kunzman, vice president of admissions at Doane College in Crete in southeast Nebraska.

The marketing efforts are being driven, in part, by the standard issues — college rankings and involved parents. But schools also are struggling to fill seats and deal with declining enrollment.

The result is a feeding frenzy among colleges and universities to snare the best freshmen, said Bob Massa, vice president of enrollment at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.

But not all of the gimmicks are received with open arms.

After the University of Nebraska-Lincoln agreed to let Motley Crie drummer Tommy Lee film his reality show, "Tommy Lee Goes to College," on campus, some faculty members protested. Local domestic violence and family groups also expressed concern that having the rock star representing the university may not be the best image to project. Lee spent about four months in jail after pleading no contest to kicking his then-wife, Pamela Anderson, in February 1998.

The show is tentatively scheduled to air this summer.

At Doane College, school officials apologized after receiving complaints about recruiting postcards that showed a male student surrounded by women, encouraging students to "play the field."

They were sent to about 13,500 prospective students in California, where the number of high school graduates is on the rise.

The competition for students has picked up in the past decade or so, Massa said.

The most outlandish recruiting ploys are more likely to be hatched by schools in a highly competitive environment, or ones needing to increase enrollment, boost name recognition or advertise a change in mission, said Manuel Gomez, vice chancellor of student affairs at the University of California-Irvine. All of this puts the student in the driver's seat.

"It's not a seller's market," said Massa, who has been involved with college admissions for 30 years. "It's a buyer's market."



Motley Crie drummer Tommy Lee shoots a reality show at the University of Nebraska on Oct. 16. When it comes to recruiting students for college, admissions officials are turning to more outlandish methods such as birthday cards, ski weekends and even reality TV shows.

Student recruitment is of particular concern in Nebraska, where demographic changes in coming years will result in fewer college-age people in the state. Enrollment at the University of Nebraska was down 2 percent in 2004, while it dropped nearly 4 percent at its flagship Lincoln campus for a 30-year low.

Meanwhile, high school graduates are expected to increase by more than 10 percent in such densely populated states as California, Florida and Arizona.

"If I had the money I'd rather invite them all to a ski weekend," said Kunzman, Doane's admissions director.

That's what Saint Vincent College, in Latrobe, Pa., is planning for potential students who may have applied for admission.

Between snowboarding and skiing, students will be given information about financial aid, academic programs and life at the college.

Don Orlando, director of public relations for the college, doesn't try to hide the goal of the free weekend in February.

"It's obviously a marketing effort," he said.

With just 1,050 students, Centre College in Danville, Ky., also goes after high school overclassmen with a personal touch.

Prospective students get birthday cards and phone calls from admission staff and sometimes even the college president.

"We look at this as a long courtship," said Carey Thompson, dean of admission.

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These ladies are strong contenders for the Oscar for Best Actress: From left, Hilary Swank, Imelda Staunton, Annette Bening, Catalina Sandino Moreno and Kate Winslet.

Q In your view, who'll be nominated this Tuesday for the Oscar for Best Actress? — Kim Clark, South Bend, Ind.

A We'd put Hilary Swank at the top of our list for her gutsy performance as a boxer in "Million Dollar Baby." Our other front-runners: Annette Bening as an aging actress in "Being Julia," Imelda Staunton as a '50s London abortionist in "Vera Drake," Kate Winslet as Jim Carrey's free-spirited girlfriend in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" and Catalina Sandino Moreno as a drug "mule" in "Maria Full of Grace."

Q What led to David Bowie's emergency heart surgery last July? And how is he doing now? — Jerry Mucha, Shenandoah, Pa.

A While on tour in Germany, the 66-year-old star sought medical attention for what he thought was a

pinched nerve. In fact, it was a blocked artery requiring angioplasty. Bowie, 58, canceled his tour but hopes to work again this year. Meanwhile, he tells us, "reading is high on my list, so it's the comfy chair for me."

Q Is it true that Ted Koppel is retiring when his current "Nightline" contract expires next December? — R.K., Washington

A At 64, Koppel tells us he has no plans to retire. But it's rumored that the ABC brass would like to retire "Nightline" — the show Koppel began 25 years ago — and replace it with a higher-rated, late-night variety show to compete with NBC's Jay Leno and CBS' David Letterman.

Q A Chinese dinner is riding on this: I say Paul Newman originated the role of Brick in Tennessee

Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" as the singer's washerwoman mom. Where did this talented newcomer come from? — Russ Baker, Denver

A From Alabama by way of Atlanta, where she was just starting a stage career when she crashed the "Ray" audition and won the role. "I was given 12 emotionally draining scenes with no time to pre-

pare," says Warren, 27. "Fortunately, I'm comfortable with just diving into the reality of the moment." That reality now includes a role in "Glory Road," an upcoming sports flick. Could her life get any better? Says Warren: "I'd like a partner to share it with."

Q I don't get Ben Stiller. What's the secret of his success? — Frank Fleischer, Miami

A Stiller, 39, is one of Hollywood's shrewdest players. He chooses projects that appeal to his young core audience. He's also a multiple threat as an actor ("Meet the Fockers"), a writer and director ("Zoolander") and a producer ("DodgeBall" and "Star Trek: Next") whose company just signed a three-year deal with DreamWorks to deliver at least one film a year. Of course, it didn't hurt that he inherited his parents' comic genes. The re-

wards? Ben is married to gorgeous actress Christine Taylor, 33, and is very rich.

Q I'm bothered by actresses like Emily Procter on "CSI: Miami" who work a crime scene with long hair that would contaminate the evidence. Why do producers allow it? — Dalia Lemus, Orlando, Fla.

A Because, on TV, catching murderers comes second to using females with long tresses, tight sweaters and low necklines to catch male viewers aged 18-49.

Q ABC's "Lost" recently featured a haunting song as the group split up. What was it? — Dolores Oliver, Waterbury, Conn.

A Willie Nelson's "Are You Sure?" Its lyrics — about being to your wife to be — were a perfect fit for the survivors as they decided whether to stay on the beach or move inland. Incidentally, the popular series isn't only making tons of money for ABC; it's also making stars of Evangeline Lilly and Matthew Fox.

Q Whatever happened to Nelson Rockefeller's widow, Happy?

A Mary L. Kitchen, Decatur, Ga. A Happy Rockefeller (born Margaret Fritter) is still going strong at 78. She entertains in her sumptuous Fifth Avenue apartment and makes the social scene around New York. Happy attended Ronald Reagan's funeral last year at the National Cathedral in Washington.

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Affleck faces reality on the small screen

BY DANIEL FIENBERG

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LOS ANGELES — "First of all, I want to say that it's nice to be in a room that's just full of critics," observes a newly bearded Ben Affleck, addressing reporters at the semi-annual Television Critics Association press tour.

"That's sort of always been my dream. And you know what? You can hide it, but I feel the love. Critics love me. Let's face it."

For a man with an Oscar on his shelf at home, Affleck has spent an awful lot of time defending himself in the past several years.

For a man who has coped with strained personal relationships made — through some large fault of his own — embarrassingly public, bouts with a variety of substances and compulsive behaviors and a string of box office bombs that suggest the curse of a Tiki God more than a negligent agent, Affleck's surprisingly at ease with television critics.

He may be joking about how critics in general love him, but the boob-tube press has been remarkably generous to efforts as diverse as "Push, Nevada" and "Project Greenlight," which begins its third season on Bravo in March (after spending its first two on HBO).

"You're all very nice," Affleck says with something that resembles sincerity. "It's those [expletives] who do the movie writing that I don't like. You guys are wonderful, wonderful people."

Affleck seems comfortable with television critics, and critics in turn feel comfortable with Affleck because the "Gigli" star has been successful at under-

exposing his television persona in almost inverse proportion to his bloated movie-star image.

"One of the things that keeps me coming back is that I'm able to do it as a writer and as a producer, without kind of putting myself out there, without having to be the face of it and that's really rewarding," Affleck explains.

"As a writer, you have more control in television. You write movies, and they just get swept away and somebody else works with them, whereas in television it's really interesting and you have a chance to foster other people's talents." The reality of the situation is that Affleck's television endeavors haven't been that much more successful than "Surviving Christmas" or "Paycheck."

Despite an intriguing interactive premise and a unique look, "Push" was cancelled well before it could develop a following.

While "Project Greenlight" made for compelling television in its first two seasons on HBO, it has failed in its main goal — discovering new cinematic talent outside of the Hollywood meat factory.

This season, "Project Greenlight" will take a stab at new commercial viability, entrusting its winning director — eccentric lug John Gulager — with a gory splatter film, which will be distributed by Dimension. rather than stodgy parent Miramax.

At its core, though, Affleck hopes that "Greenlight" will continue to provide television viewers with their fix of voyeurism. "So much of life now seems about being on TV and having your reality show," he says. He sighs, "And when they find out what it is, they're not sure if they really wanted it to begin with."



Ben Affleck boosts his beloved Boston Red Sox at the October premiere of his movie "Surviving Christmas." Affleck will soon return to reality TV, where he says he enjoys his behind-the-scenes role.

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Torii Station, Okinawa

Treat all victims the same

Are the tsunami victims' families more important than those of fallen soldiers? Do the latter feel more intense pain, emptiness or anger than their loved ones? Of course not. For both surviving families, grief and mourning are an all-encompassing, gut-wrenching, lead weight. They who don't the State Department and the media treat military and civilian populations equally?

After informing the next of kin, the U.S. government readily releases the names of

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fallen soldiers regardless of the family's wishes; however, in the same light, they refuse to release the names of the American tsunami victims.

These names are being withheld, according to State Department deputy spokesman Adam Ereli, because of "the privacy of the families," as cited on the MSNBC Web site.

Why isn't the media brandishing the Freedom of Information Act citing the public's "right to know" now? When a soldier dies, they don't care that their "vital dissemination of information" may hurt the fallen soldier's family, so why are these "right to know-ers" backing off? Deference?

A Google query, "casualty list from Iraq," yields numerous hits. The first hit is a CNN Web site where the fallen soldier's name, age, hometown, unit and details of his death are given alongside the soldier's picture. Where is the media's concern for private family grieving? Conversely, the Google query "casualty list from tsunami" yields, basically, nothing (except death tolls). Are these civilian families more deserving of privacy?

Obviously, the death of a soldier performing his or her sworn duty is inherently different from someone who, while vacationing, dies at the hand of a tragic event. But is one

surviving family's grief more important or more personal than another's?

If we are all truly equal under the law, either release every victim's name in both instances — opening the door for blanket media exploitation — or allow each mourning family to grieve privately.

Christina Boland
Heidelberg, Germany

Thanks for doing your job

To U.S. military personnel serving in the Middle East: Thanks for just doing your job! The civilian shame I feel knowing so many of you are in harm's way while I enjoy freedom and security is relieved only by my conviction that the cost in lives would be much higher if you weren't engaged in this necessary "war of prevention."

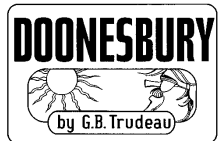
When your forefathers liberated Europe and the Pacific, they became a "war of cure" because genocidal tyrants were allowed to establish itself and take the offensive. Such wars are not controversial because the alternative is obvious, but they take an appalling toll in human lives.

In Afghanistan and Iraq, you are fighting an asymmetric war: no clear battle lines, no large, identifiable body of enemy to defeat, and no takeover victory parades. It is only asymmetric, however, because you are preventing the enemy from establishing (or re-establishing) a regional power base to wage war with weapons of mass destruction in the future — our future.

Today, we live in a postmodern world characterized by uncertainty and fragmentation in its points of view on major issues. This makes you the postmodern warriors, fighting an asymmetrical war and coping with all the complexity, controversy and denial of closure that goes along with it. Nevertheless, in Afghanistan you defeated al-Qaida in its back yard and your presence there and in Iraq declares to the world that religious fanaticism and cathartic tyranny shall not prevail.

In postmodern war, the fruits of victory are not always obvious and just doing your job becomes an unsung act of heroism. Iraq, they said, had no weapons of mass destruction. Incorrect. Saddam Hussein was a walking WMD whose clock was ticking. So, to all of you postmodern warriors out there, all honor and thanks to you for just doing your job.

David Hanna
Greenwood, Australia



OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates.

China can't hide Zhao's legacy
Los Angeles Times

China well understands the danger of reformers' funerals. In 1989, the death in April of disgraced former Communist Party chief Hu Yaobang propelled tens of thousands of protesters, angered at the government's treatment of Hu, into Beijing's Tiananmen Square. They protested party corruption and government nepotism. As weeks went by and the crowd grew, the demands came to include greater democracy. The protests ended with the declaration of martial law and the indelible image of tanks routing demonstrators as one young man in the square tried to stop them.

Zhao Ziyang, a former premier who in 1989 was the leader of the Communist Party, supported the protesters. Weeks before tanks and troops crushed the rebellion, Zhao went to Tiananmen to meet the demonstrators, weepingly telling them, "We've come too late, we've come too late." It was his last public appearance.

Monday, after nearly 16 years under house arrest, Zhao died. The government, afraid of stirring protests, censored foreign broadcasts of his death, ordered that the news be buried deep inside newspapers if printed at all and insisted again Tuesday that its actions in 1989 were correct. Police feared preventively into Tiananmen Square.

Although he failed to persuade party leaders to match political reforms to economic advances, there has been progress in opening local party committees to discussion and debate. If the Chinese can mobilize nascent grass-roots movements into a force that demands a say in government, Zhao will receive the honor he deserves.

Allies will recall Iraq timeline
Journal Star, Peoria, Ill.

Nearly two years into the war to rid Iraq of its alleged "weapons of mass destruction," the Bush administration officially called off the search for them this month. "Based on what we know today, the president would have taken the same action (to invade) because this is about protecting the American people," said White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan.

"To be them from (what?) would be a fair question, given that no such WMDs were found and that the president made those WMDs the primary justification for his decision to go to war," he said.

To be fair, Bush's predecessor also believed Iraq had WMDs, and Saddam Hussein did a pretty good job of pretending. But even so, the Chinese people have already seen their judgment. In November it didn't seem to matter much, at least to most voters, that there had been no satisfactory evidence for Iraq's alleged chemical, biological and nuclear weapons. It could put so many American lives at risk.

Global opinion does matter, maybe not today or tomorrow, but someday when we're staring down another potential menace — perhaps one far more potent than Saddam — and we ask for the world's help. What kind of "moral authority" will America have then? It's another fair question.

Scapegoat or not, Graner guilty
The Waterfront (N.Y.) Daily Times

Sp. Charles Graner, the alleged ringleader of rogue guards at Abu Ghraib, has been convicted on all 10 counts under five charges: assault, conspiracy, maltreatment of detainees, committing indecent acts and dereliction of duty. He was sentenced to 10 years in military prison by a jury of four Army officers and six senior enlisted men.



Mr. Graner, 36, an Army reservist from Pennsylvania, will be dishonorably discharged after completing his sentence. He has been demoted and ordered to forfeit all pay and benefits.

The reservist ... maintained he was just following orders. He said intelligence agents at the prison ordered the abuse of prisoners to make them easier to interrogate.

So far, authorities have not uncovered a wider network of abuse or found evidence to validate Graner's explanation that he is being made a scapegoat. Four soldiers have pleaded guilty in the case. Two other guards are awaiting trial.

Bringing the offenders to justice shows the world that the United States does not tolerate such misconduct. It is the right thing to do and the right message to send.

'Crossfire' done, thank you
Chicago Tribune

In announcing the end of CNN's 22-year-old high-decibel political slugfest "Crossfire," CNN/US President Jonathan Klein said something quite unusual for a network television executive: He had listened to the day.

Klein told a Washington Post writer that he agreed with comedian Jon Stewart, who famously used a "Crossfire" appearance last fall to rip into the show for "partisan hackery."

"I think that made a good point about the noise level of these types of shows, which does nothing to illuminate the issues of the day," Klein said.

Could this step away from TV's shout-show abyss portend a healthy swing to politeness? One can only hope ...

In an ABC News survey, 85 percent of respondents said that the world would be better if we said "please" and "thank you" more. Now, that would seem to be stating the obvious ... But there's no doubt we could stand to be more civil to one another. May the demise of "Crossfire" mark the rise of something good.

Don't ignore Medicaid, Medicare
The Miami Herald

President Bush lost no time in pushing Social Security reform to the top of his domestic agenda for the second term. Unfortunately, his priorities are off the mark. America's

healthcare system and the government's Medicaid and Medicare programs demand far more attention, and more urgently. ... Medicaid programs, which serve 52 million poor and disabled people, are being squeezed financially due to rising healthcare costs and increased rolls as more Americans fall into poverty. The Medicare trust fund, which covers major healthcare costs for 42 million seniors, is projected to become insolvent in 14 years.

Meanwhile, projections for Social Security's insolvency begin more than 20 years later, beyond 2040.

President Bush's campaign paints a picture of a Social Security system about to melt down. Yet the real crisis today involves the 45 million uninsured Americans, nearly 16 percent of the population, including some eight million children. ... Our priority should be to have every American covered by health insurance and control costs with preventive care.

Even this 'sacrifice fly' helps
The Indianapolis Star

Under threat of government intervention, not to mention scorn from fans, Major League Baseball and its players' union finally stepped up to the plate and swung at a policy dealing with steroid abuse.

It wasn't exactly a homer. A sacrifice fly would be a better description. But considering the shame of a policy now governing the sport, even a bunt would have been welcome.

The new policy mirrors one used in the minor leagues. Where players are tested four times a year, with a 15-game suspension for the first positive test, a one-year ban on the fourth violation, and a lifetime ban from the minors for a subsequent positive result.

Baseball's new rules leave a lot to be desired. But perhaps younger athletes will get the message: steroid and other drug use aren't the safe path to athletic advancement.

Public is meat of the matter
Yakima (Wash.) Herald-Republic

Canadian authorities confirmed ... that another animal in the western province of Alberta had tested positive, the second found to have major cow disease since U.S. officials announced last month they would resume the cattle trade with Canada in March.

Canadian officials also said that once again no part of the cow has entered either the human or animal food system. That's an important consideration.

Still, the announcement could add support to U.S. cattlemen who have used to block the lifting of the ban on Canadian beef, saying allowing the trade will hurt U.S. producers and put consumers at risk.

On the other hand, beef packers, who have had to pay more for cattle since the Canadian border closed, support reopening trade. ...

We're confident government officials and scientists are on top of this on both sides of the border. But their main focus should be on inspections and other methods to ensure public health and safety in the food supply and not be sidetracked by protectionist policies that tilt the dynamics of the marketplace.

Having a ball by buying access
The Times Herald-Record, Middletown, N.Y.

President Bush spent much of [last] week getting ready for Thursday. You could hardly blame him.

With the inauguration for his second term momentarily taking some attention away from the war in Iraq, the president made several public appearances. ...

He told one interviewer that, since he's not running for president again, "maybe politics won't creep in quite so fast."

But then he also noted he had a "big agenda in mind." ... That agenda is the reason so many large corporations have chipped in \$250,000 apiece and so many private donors gave \$100,000 apiece — sometimes more, thanks to loose rules on these donations — to pay for the inauguration events. If that's not political, what is? Wealthy individuals and corporations are financing the parties, parades and balls as a way of saying thank you and, by the way, don't forget us when you get back to work on this domestic agenda.

Correction

Last Sunday's "What newspapers are saying at home" page misidentified the location of The Spokesman-Review. It publishes in Spokane, Wash.

Guards decry policies

CA RIVERSIDE — Prison guards claim state officials lied to the U.S. Supreme Court about racial segregation in California's prisons and the extent to which race is used to set prison policies, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Correctional officers and inmates told The Press-Enterprise of Riverside that segregation is rampant throughout the system, despite state attorneys' contention that it is limited to inmates' first 60 days behind bars.

"There is no way I'd put a white and a black together," said Charles Hughes, a lieutenant at California State Prison in Lancaster. "I'd be putting my job on the line if I did that."

The newspaper reported that one correctional officer filed a whistleblower complaint with the state auditor last month, saying the state presented false arguments to the high court in November in a lawsuit filed by inmate Garrison Johnson, who claimed his right to equal protection under the law was violated by the prison system's racial segregation policies.

Handstand turns fatal

FL NORTH FORT MYERS — A woman fell to her death while trying to do a handstand on the railing of a second-floor hotel balcony, sheriff's officials said.

Molly Herman, 23, died Sunday. While attempting a handstand, she toppled over and dropped to the hotel patio, according to the Lee County sheriff's department.

Just before she fell, she had called out to a friend, "Watch to see what I can still do," a police report said.

Foul play is not believed to be involved, officials said.

Woman killed over \$20

HI LIHUE — A Kauai man fatally stabbed an 18-year-old woman after an argument over \$20, according to a confession on file with police.

Richard Costa told police he stabbed Westlyn Jerves in the neck after arguing in his car over money she owed him. The Garden Island reported in Wednesday's edition, Costa told police that he then drove over her body as he fled a Port Allen parking lot, the newspaper said.

Costa, 36, of Kalaheo, was charged Wednesday with second-degree murder in the slaying of Jerves of Hanalei, said Richard Minatoya, first deputy prosecutor.

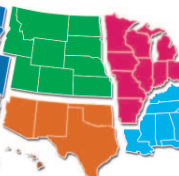
Costa told police that after the stabbing, he tossed Jerves to the ground and threw the knife in the ocean.

Costa told police that he ran over something as he pulled out of the dirt parking lot near the Japanese graveyard near Glass Beach, but didn't realize until later than it was Jerves' body. The Garden Island reported.

Tag fight goes to court

VT RUTLAND — A Rutland inmate is suing the state for denying his request for a religious license plate.

The Department of Motor Vehicles rejected Shawn Byrne's appli-



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cation for a vanity license plate, "JOHN316," which refers to a scripture passage in the Bible.

Byrne filed suit in federal court Wednesday. "This is a violation of his free expression rights," said Joshua Carden, an attorney for the Arizona-based Alliance Defense Fund.

Byrne was asked to list three choices for his vanity plate. Byrne wrote, "JOHN316," "JN316" and "JN36TN." The application also asked Byrne what each selection represented, and in each case he wrote, "Bible passage."

The DMV denied all three requests. "It has been deemed to be a combination that refers to deity and has been denied based on that reason," it said in a letter.

Bill targets keggers

TX AUSTIN — Texans purchasing beer kegs would be required to register with the state, swearing they are 21 years old and promising not to serve minors, under a new bill filed this week in the Texas House.

Retailers on Wednesday criticized the bill, contending the burden of the proposed registration program and its bookkeeping would fall on them.

However, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, which would administer the registration, supports the measure, said Roy Hale, program specialist for the commission's enforcement division.

Rep. Rob Eissler filed the bill,



Learning the ropes

Marlise Thomas, a fifth-grader at Johnson School of the Arts in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, practices juggling with three scarves during a circus workshop with the Bindlestiff Family Circus in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

one of three designed to reduce underage drinking. Eissler, R-Texas, supported the legislation at the urging of a constituent. Susan Wagener's son died of acute alcohol poisoning in 1999 on the campus of Texas A&M University.

Retailers contend the proposed registration requirements are largely redundant because some businesses already register kegs voluntarily.

Jelly bean heaven

IN WAKARUSA — When the owners of The Dime Store opened candy, they're not messing around.

This year, they ordered 30 tons of jumbo jelly beans.

The Wakarusa store ordered the tonnage for its 35th bean season — far more than the 5 tons of the candies it ordered in 1998.

The store in the town about 25 miles southeast of South Bend began selling jumbo jelly beans in conjunction with the Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival 35 years ago. That first year, the store ordered 100 pounds and sold them all.

"When we first started selling jelly beans by the ton, people probably thought we had rocks in our head," store co-owner Deb McNally said last week.

This year, the store is featuring stone-shaped jelly beans, along with its popular "Love Potion Number Nine," a cherry-vanilla jumbo bean mix.

Missing children found

VA GALAXY — Two young children whose parents allegedly kidnapped them at gunpoint from a foster home in North Carolina were found safe Wednesday in southwestern Virginia, police said.

An Amber Alert had been issued Saturday for James Paul Chambers, 12, and his sister, Breanna, 11 months. They had been put in foster care last year after a drug raid at the family home.

The children were found in a mobile home in this rural, mountainous area near the North Carolina and Tennessee lines, said Grayson County Sheriff Jeffery Wilson. The parents and two other people were taken into custody at the scene, Wilson said.

North Carolina authorities said the children were taken from a foster home in Watauga County, N.C., early Saturday by their father, James Lee Canter, 28, and their mother, Alisha Chambers, 18.

Project to study bison

MT BILLINGS — Wildlife officials plan to capture 100 bison calves that leave Yellowstone National Park in the coming months and use them to test an experimental quarantine facility just outside the park.

The pilot project will look at whether a quarantine facility could be helpful in finding bison free of the disease to help start herds in Montana and other states.

"Our view is that if we are going to restore bison to the landscape in some broader way, we're going to have to take some real active steps," said Pat Flowers, a regional supervisor for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. But bison defenders, such as Mike Mease of the Buffalo Field Campaign, say the facility will serve to treat the bison like cattle.



Squid beaching

Newport Beach lifeguard officer John Moore checks out some of the estimated 500 giant squid that washed up along Newport Beach, Calif.



In a derby daze

Cub Scouts Greg LaRock, 8, left, and Patrick Collins, 7, watch as their Pinto Elementary School in Roswell, N.M.



Oil spill mystery

Volunteer Jerry Howard rushes a western grebe to the next cleaning stage at the oiled bird rescue center at the University of California, Davis, in San Pedro, Calif. Investigators are testing oil wiped from birds in an attempt to determine the origin of a mysterious oil spill somewhere in California.



A bear-y cold day

A polar bear hides its face in its paws at the edge of a frozen pool at the Bronx Zoo in New York.



In the mouth of the beast

Jordan Leung looks out from a lion costume during Chinese New Year celebrations in New York's Chinatown.



Kennedy clothing

A paper replica of the wedding dress Jacqueline Bouvier wore on her wedding day to John F. Kennedy is on display at the Marshall Field's store in Chicago. The display is in connection with a showing of her clothing, "Jacqueline Kennedy: The White House Years," currently on display at Chicago's Field Museum.



Cool ride

Chris Conley, 12, reacts to the cold water while trying to ride his bike through a flooded portion of River View Park next to the Snoqualmie River in Snoqualmie, Wash.

Horses die in stable fire

TX HOUSTON — A fire swept through a stable just north of Houston, killing 23 horses and mules.

The pre-dawn fire Tuesday at WT Stables is under investigation by the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office.

A stable employee who lives in a mobile home on the 5-acre property noticed the stable was burning shortly after 4 a.m., after his electrical service went out.

Workers pulled down part of the stable with a tractor, allowing a few animals to escape. But 21 animals died inside, and two of those that got out were so injured they had to be euthanized, stable owner Woody Taggart said.

Rogelio Arriaga said he lost three horses, including Kazzam, a 9-year-old performing Appaloosa trained to dance to rodeo music.

Traffic stop nets \$1.5M

TN CHATTANOOGA — Drug agents discovered \$1.5 million hidden in a luxury vehicle they stopped for weaving on Interstate 75, the second million-dollar cash seizure in rural Bradley County in a year.

Officers who stopped the BMW sport utility vehicle Jan. 12 found the cash stashed in concealed compartments under the floorboard.

They said the driver, Jose Luis Serrano-Lopez, told them he was he was traveling from New York with narcotics money destined for the El Paso, Texas/Juarez, Mexico border.

Lynx heads to Canada

CO DENVER — A Canada lynx that was released in Colorado two years ago looks to be heading home.

The adult male, which has meandered through Wyoming and Montana, was last heard of north of Missoula, Mont., in October, more than 800 miles as the crow flies from where it was released in March 2003 in Colorado's San Juan National Forest.

The big cat's exploits were depicted in the latest *National Geographic* magazine and confirmed by Rick Kahn, Colorado Division of Wildlife lynx coordinator.

The lynx, which is wearing a radio collar, was trapped in British Columbia and released in Colorado as part of a program to restore the cat to the state. Lynx are an endangered species in Colorado.

Sickout investigated

CA SAN FRANCISCO — The sheriff's department is investigating an apparent sickout by deputies at the main county jail after an incident in which an inmate beat a guard unconscious.

Sheriff Michael Hennessey said the inmate attacked the deputy in a medium-security wing Jan. 8 during lunch. David Wong, head of the deputies' union, said the inmate was on a special diet and was upset that his lunch had been delayed.

Another deputy intervened, but not before the first deputy suffered a broken shoulder and a gash to his head, Hennessey said. The deputy, who lost consciousness, was treated at a hospital for his injuries.

The jail was locked down after that weekend. On Wednesday, 13 of the 20 deputies who had been on

duty during the attack called in sick. It was their first scheduled day back at work since the incident.

Light shines on project

ME PORTLAND, Maine — A lighthouse on the Kennebec River could be returned to the government as part of a multi-group effort to increase public awareness of the 107-year-old structure, a federal judge has ruled.

Squirrel Point Lighthouse in Arrowsic will likely be given to a nonprofit organization following a ruling from U.S. Magistrate Judge David Cohen. The decision still needs approval from federal Judge D. Brock Horby.

Attorneys for the Coast Guard and a citizens group seeking public access to the lighthouse said Tuesday it is unlikely Horby will overrule the decision.

An attorney for Squirrel Point Associates, which owns the lighthouse, said the group plans to file an objection to the decision.

The lighthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in January 1988. In February 1998, the Coast Guard transferred ownership of the lighthouse, for free, to Squirrel Point Associates.

Errors caused deaths

MN ST. PAUL — Twenty patients died in Minnesota hospitals during a 15-month period because of medical errors or oversights including falls, faulty medical equipment and administration of the wrong medication, the state Health Department said in a new report.

The report, released Wednesday, documented 99 serious errors between July 1, 2003, and Oct. 6, 2004. Minnesota is the first state to report its mistakes under standards developed by the National Quality Forum, a Washington-based nonprofit. New Jersey and Connecticut also adopted the standards, which are being considered elsewhere.

Minnesota's most common problem — not resulting in death or disability — was doctors forgetting foreign objects such as surgical sponges inside patients at the end of operations. That happened 31 times.

Now too many tomatoes

FL HOMESTEAD — A fall tomato shortage has turned into a glut that Florida growers say has forced them to abandon 60 million pounds on the vine, generating pledges of help from the state.

State agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson promised action to make sure consumers and wholesalers know the tomatoes are available.

Prize must be shared

OH CLEVELAND — A postal employee who won a \$175,000 Mega Millions lottery prize with 20 co-workers who accused him of cheating them out of their cut, a jury said. Stephen Kyle had told co-workers that he bought the winning ticket with his own money instead of the money they've been giving him for four years to buy tickets.

Photos and stories from wire services

YOUR MONEY



Shoppers are shown at the Atlantic City Outlets-The Walk in Atlantic City, N.J., last week. Atlantic City, known more for its gambling than for its shopping, is a vacation spot for betting senior citizens, says a study that warns about elderly gambling.

Study: Gambling among older adults is problem

BY GARY ROTSTEIN
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Significant numbers of older adults admit betting more money than they can afford to lose or wagering sums above \$100, a new study reports in warning about elderly gambling.

Researchers from the University of Pennsylvania and Penn State College of Medicine did not find that older adults necessarily gamble more than the rest of the population. They suggested, however, that a rate similar to younger adults poses more risks because of the higher percentage of seniors on fixed incomes, with mental impairments, or with health-care needs that could be sacrificed to invest in gambling.

The study, published Wednesday in the American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, found that of 843 Philadelphia-area residents 65 and older, 70 percent had gambled in the past year on lottery tickets, bingo, Atlantic City casinos or other options.

About 4 percent of those interviewed admitted betting more than they could afford to lose. Nearly 8 percent, including some in the latter group, had risked at least \$100 on a single wager. The researchers grouped those two categories together into an "at-risk" population representing about one of every nine survey participants.

"I didn't think it was going to be this much," said Dr. David Oslin, lead author and an assistant professor and geriatrician at the University of Pennsylvania. "I would have thought it would be lower in older adults because not too many people come to me talking about their gambling."

The study's release comes four months

after the gambling industry gained some favorable publicity in a Yale University report that showed older recreational gamblers to be healthier than their non-gambling peers.

One common interpretation of that data was that someone in a bingo hall or casino was more likely to be active and healthy to begin with, rather than receiving any cause-and-effect benefit from gambling. Some researchers allow that social benefits can come from gambling as a group within a population that's sometimes isolated.

The casino industry's American Gaming Association and some organizations that focus on problem gambling said it was hard to react to the new study because they hadn't yet seen it. Some in the field agreed, however, that attention needs to be focused on the elderly because of the increasing prevalence of gambling opportunities.

"It definitely should be studied because (the older population) does have a large number of people with time on their hands ... and it's really good to keep an eye on vulnerable populations," said Christine Reilly, executive director of Harvard Medical School's Institute for Research on Pathological Gambling and Related Disorders.

In the Penn-Penn State College of Medicine study, more than three-fourths of the gamblers were lottery players and more than half visited casinos or played machines such as illegal video poker.

Oslin said his worst fear as a geriatrician is that some people lose money gambling that they normally depend on for medications and other health care.

"This confirms to us it's probably something we need to pay attention to," Oslin said. "Now we're justified in going ahead with that research work, seeing if patients are making those trade-offs."

New online tools help job hunters

BY ANDREA COOMBS

CBS MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO — Want to stand out from other job seekers? An online profile may be one way to do that.

These days, you can send a link to your online profile in an e-mail to prospective employers. Ziggs.com, a company that launched in October, offers online profiles for \$25 a year, with the first year free.

"The online profile gives so much (more information than) the résumé. It's a great point of differentiation," said Tim DeMello, chief executive at Ziggs.

The profile you create includes a snapshot page complete with photo and quick introduction, a more detailed biography and a faux interview, where the applicant decides which questions to answer. Unlike networking sites such as LinkedIn and Ryze, Ziggs' profiles also are a means to maintain a semblance of control over one's online "brand."

For \$50 a year (on top of the \$25), the company will ensure your profile tops the list of sponsored searches when anyone searches your name using a major Internet search engine such as Google or Yahoo.

"Your name being in search listings is important and the information attached to it is important," DeMello said. Employers are "going to look at that, even before they invite you in for an interview."

"The way Ziggs got started is I found out that, out of 100 random search-engine queries, about 5 out of 10 are proper names," he said.

"They're looking for us and we need to make sure we are presented right."

Some job seekers have no online presence to worry about, but even those who do should consider this: Employers conducting online searches may be more interested in finding information that you're not about to reveal in a profile.

"We've had instances where we were ready to hire and a Google search revealed (this lawyer) had been released from jail a year earlier," said Ira Halperin, co-head of the corporate practice

unit at Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone, a business law firm based in Mineola, N.Y.

"That was not on his résumé," Halperin said, adding that the company conducts Internet searches on every potential employee, from janitor to lawyer.

For Halperin, an online profile makes little sense from a hiring perspective. Since the profile is written by the applicant, "obviously it's going to be filtered."

Internet searches "are a free opportunity to do some checking that takes minimal effort," he said. "I have a sense that it is common not only among law firms but anyone who's hiring these days."

Some note that those posting online profiles should avoid adding photos. "Recruiters do not want to see the ethnic background of an individual prior to the interview," said Mark Mehler, co-author of CareerKroads, a directory of job sites. "They could be accused of discrimination."

Whether or not you decide an online profile is worth your money, there's no doubt you'll still need a résumé.

"Most hiring managers still want to see a very pristine, clean, good-looking résumé," Mehler said. "It's not going away."

Given that the résumé remains a powerful force in hiring, consider avoiding these all-too-common mistakes:

■ Avoid jargon, and generalities. "Put results on your resume, the ways you've made a concrete difference," said Andrea Kay, a career consultant and author of "Greener Pastures: How to find a job in another place."

■ Stick to relevant information. "The biggest mistake that I see is people put too much information on there that doesn't resonate" with hiring managers, said Jennifer Johnson, director of recruitment at Wisnisk Career Enterprises, in New York.

■ Don't rely on e-mail alone. "Some company networks are flat-out deleting e-mails that have attachments," said Kevin Donlin, president of Guaranteed Resumes, based in Edina, Minn. This "gives you a perfect excuse to call the employer."

Is this on sale?



Ray Grover sits in a new Lexus while shopping for cars at Lexus of Serranome in Colma, Calif., on Jan. 13. At right is salesperson Margo Alexander. Retail sales, helped by sizzling activity in auto showrooms, jumped by 1.2 percent in December, providing a solid finish to a year in which sales climbed at the fastest pace since 1999.

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EAGLE 810
Morning (Sun)
 7:05 Religious Programming
 8:00 Eagle 810 Sunday Brunch (Smooth Jazz)
Afternoon
 12:00 American Country Countdown
 4:00 A Prairie Home Companion
Evening
 6:00 Focus on the Family
 7:00 P. Laura
 8:00 Beale Street Caravan
 9:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)
 12:00 2-Rock (Alternative)(Mon-Fri)
 2:00 Sports Overnight America
 4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation Live (Tue-Fri)
 5:00 NPR on the Media (Mon)
 5:00 NPR Live on Earth (Mon)
Morning (Mon-Fri)
 6:00 Eagle 810 Morning Show (Contemporary Hits)
 7:00 Paul Harvey News and Commentary
 7:20 Pacific Report
 7:40 Paul Harvey Best of the Story
 7:58 Eagle 810 News
 7:59 Zama Commander's Corner (1st Friday)
 Zama Commander's Corner (2nd & 4th Friday)
 Yokosuka/SFJ Chief's Corner (3rd Friday)
 10:00 Radio Cafe (70s, 80s, 90s)
 12:05 Pacific Report
 12:07 Paul Harvey News and Commentary
 12:21 Air Radio News
 2:00 Top 40 Music
 2:00 Traffic Jam (Current Chart Hits)
 4:05 Pacific Report
 4:45 APT Sportspage
 5:00 Paul Harvey Best of the Story
Evening
 6:00 The Bench Live Sports (Wed)
 7:00 NPR's Morning Edition LIVE
 Yokosuka Commander's Corner (1st & 3rd Thursday)
 8:00 Rush Limbaugh
 9:00 The Touch (Urban): Mon/Country; Tue/Pure Gold (Oldies); Wed/Rock; Thurs (Classic Rock); Thu/The Touch (Urban); Fri
 12:00 2-Rock (Alternative)
 2:00 Sports Overnight America
 4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation Live
Morning (Sat)
 6:00 NPR's All Things Considered LIVE
 8:00 Kim Komando
 9:00 Kim Komando
 10:00 Classic Rock
 12:00 Classic Rock
 12:00 Rick Does Weekly Top 40
 2:00 2-Rock (Alternative)
Evening
 6:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night
 7:00 Adult Contemporary
 12:00 2-Rock (Alternative)
 2:00 Sports Overnight America
 4:00 Adult Contemporary
POWER 1575
Morning (Sun)
 7:00 NPR: All Things Considered

8:00 Rush Limbaugh
 9:00 Parent's Journal
 10:00 Chef's Table
 11:00 Sports Overnight America
Afternoon
 12:00 Adult Rock
 4:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)
Evening
 10:00 Hot AC
 10:10 The Touch (Urban)
 12:00 The Touch (Urban)
 2:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)
Morning (Mon-Fri)
 6:00 Morning Air Strike
 6:30 Paul Harvey News
 7:10 Horoscope
 7:30 Inside Japanese Radio News
 8:30 Rest of the World
 9:00 David Letterman/Leno
 9:00 Country Call Up
 9:30 Bright Light/Oldies (Fri)
 11:00 Urban Assault
Afternoon
 1:00 2-Rock/Oldies (Fri)
 2:00 The Afterburner
 2:30 Inside Japanese Radio News
 2:34 Rest of the World
 2:36 Pacific Report
 3:30 Paul Harvey News
 3:40 APT Sportspage
 4:00 departure Time
Evening
 6:00 NPR: Fresh Air
 7:00 The Rock Show (Mon)/Old School (Thu)/The Mosh (Fri)
 12:00 Adult Rock
 2:00 Country
Morning (Sat)
 6:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)
 6:00 2-Rock
 10:00 Soundbarrier
Afternoon
 2:00 Rick Does Weekly Top 40
Evening
 6:00 NPR: All Things Considered
 7:00 The Jim Rome Show
 8:00 The Touch
 12:00 2-Rock
 5:00 Hot Jazz

JAPAN — MISAWA

THE EDGE — AM 1575
Morning (Sun)
 12:00 2-Rock
 2:00 Classic Rock
 4:00 Hot AC
 6:00 Sam Donaldson
 8:00 Religious
 9:00 Oldies
 10:00 Hot AC
Afternoon
 12:00 Rick Does Weekly Top 40
 2:00 Adult Rock
Evening
 6:00 The Touch (Urban)
 8:00 Hot AC
Morning (Mon-Thu)
 12:00 2-Rock
 2:00 Classic Rock
 4:00 Sports Overnight America
 5:00 Rush Limbaugh

6:00 Matt in the Morning
 9:00 Hot AC
Afternoon
 12:00 Classic Rock
 3:00 Edge Afternoon Radio
Evening
 6:00 Country
 8:00 R&B
 10:00 Hot AC
Afternoon
 12:00 Classic Rock
 2:00 Classic Rock
 4:00 Sports Overnight America
 6:00 Rush Limbaugh
 6:00 Matt in the Morning
 9:00 Flashback
 11:00 Hot AC
Afternoon
 12:00 Classic Rock
 1:00 Inside the Line
 3:00 That Country Show
Evening
 6:00 Classic Rock
 8:00 R&B
 10:00 Hot AC
Morning (Sat)
 12:00 2-Rock
 2:00 Classic Rock
 4:00 Hot AC
 6:00 Oldies
 8:00 Car Talk
 9:00 Saturday Retro
Evening
 12:00 Rick Does
 3:00 Nuestru Musica
 5:00 Kim Komando
Evening
 6:00 Jim Rome
 8:00 2-Rock
 10:00 Adult Rock
JAPAN — SASEBO
THUNDER RADIO 1575
Morning (Sunday)
 12:00 Top 40
 4:00 Soft Hits
 7:00 Religious Programming
 10:00 Focus on the Family
 10:30 The Environmental Show
 11:00 Savvy Traveler
Afternoon
 12:00 American Country Countdown
 4:00 Top 40
Evening
 6:00 Classic Rock
 9:00 Z Rock
Morning (Mon-Fri)
 12:00 Classic Rock
 3:00 Oldies
 5:00 Rush Limbaugh
 6:00 Morning Drive
 8:00 Rewind
Afternoon
 12:00 "The Jam" with Nikki V. (Mon, Wed and Fri)
 12:30 Adult Music (Tue and Thu)
 3:00 "The Bush"
Evening
 6:00 Adult Rock
 9:00 Top 40

JAPAN — KANSAI

8:00 Urban Adult Contemporary
 9:00 Adult Rock
Morning (Sat)
 12:00 2-Rock
 5:00 Bright Adult Contemporary
 8:00 Saturday Morning Wake-up (Korea-wide)
Afternoon
 12:30 Bright Adult Contemporary
Evening
 9:00 Adult Rock

OKINAWA

FM — WAVE 95.1
Morning (Sun)
 12:00 Adult Rock
 4:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)
 12:00 Adult Rock
 12:00 Adult Contemporary Countdown
Morning (Mon-Fri)
 12:00 Adult Rock
 5:00 Morning Show (live)
 9:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)
 11:00 Wave Break (live)
Afternoon
 1:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)
 2:00 Adult Show (live)
Evening
 6:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)
 10:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC)
Morning (Sat)
 12:00 2-Rock
 6:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)
 8:00 Saturday Show (live)
 11:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)
Afternoon
 12:00 Rick Does Weekly Top 40
 4:00 Adult Rock
Evening
 6:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC)

Morning (Saturday)
 12:00 Top 40
 4:00 Classic Rock
 7:00 All Things Considered
 8:30 Best of Our Knowledge
 9:00 Country
 10:00 Car Talk
 11:00 Top 40 Show (live)
 12:00 Rick Does American Top 40
 4:00 Nuestru Musica
 5:00 Country
Evening
 8:00 Urban
KOREA
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Morning (Sun)
 12:00 Country
 5:00 NPR Weekly Edition
 7:00 Bright Adult Contemporary
 10:00 Nuestru Musica
Afternoon
 12:00 Oldies Radio
 4:00 Sports Overnight America
Evening
 6:00 NPR Car Talk
 7:00 Prairie Home Companion
 8:00 NPR Weekend Edition Sunday
 11:00 Country
Morning (Mon)
 5:00 NPR
 7:00 Morning Report
 7:30 This Week with Sam & Cokie
 8:00 Oldies Radio
 12:00 Country
 12:00 Noon Report
 12:35 News & Views
 1:00 Dr. Laura
 2:00 Country
 3:00 Jim Rome Show
Evening
 6:00 Evening Report
 6:30 Sports Byline
 7:00 Rush Limbaugh
 8:00 NPR's Morning Edition
 10:00 Country
Morning (Tue)
 5:00 NPR
 7:00 Morning Report
 7:30 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded)
 8:00 Oldies Radio
Afternoon
 12:00 Noon Report
 12:35 News & Views
 1:00 Dr. Laura
 2:00 Country
 3:00 Jim Rome Show
Evening
 6:00 Evening Report
 6:30 Sports Byline
 7:00 Rush Limbaugh
 8:00 NPR's Morning Edition
 10:00 Country
Morning (Sat)
 12:00 Country
 5:00 NPR All Things Considered
 8:00 Oldies Radio
Afternoon

AM RADIO SPORTS AND SPECIALS

KOREA

MOH, JAN. 24
Morning
 5:00 NFL Football: NFC Championship — Atlanta Falcons at Philadelphia Eagles
 8:30 NFL Football: AFC Championship — New England Patriots at Pittsburgh Steelers
TUE, JAN. 25
Morning
 8:00 NFL Basketball: Detroit Pistons at Minnesota Timberwolves
 (Note: American Forces Network broadcasting may be affected by the satellite outage.)

FM WEEKLY RADIO

JAPAN — YOKOTA

FM CABLE Radio Services (On Base Only)
2-Rock (Alternative) 90.3 FM
Eagle 810 (Variety) 90.7 FM
National Public Radio (News, Talk) 91.3 FM
Adult AC (Pop) 91.7 FM
Bright Rock (Classic Rock) 92.3 FM
The Touch (Urban) 92.7 FM
Country 93.3 FM
Pure Gold (Oldies) 93.7 FM
Hot AC (Today's Hits) 94.3 FM
National Public Radio
Morning (Sun)
 6:00 Weekend All Things Considered
 8:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night
 11:00 Piano Jazz
Afternoon
 12:00 Beethoven Network
 1:00 Weekend All Things Considered
 2:00 Dialogue
 2:30 Uncommon Knowledge
 3:00 The WMTF Jazz Network
 5:00 Jazz Profiles
Evening
 6:00 Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me
 7:00 A Prairie Home Companion
 9:00 Weekend Edition Sunday
 12:00 Fresh Air Weekend
 12:00 This American Life
 2:00 Show with Harry Shearer
 3:00 on the Media
 4:00 Newsweek Radio
 5:00 Weekly Edition

Morning (Mon)

6:00 Weekend All Things Considered
 8:00 The WMTF Beethoven Network
Afternoon
 12:00 Car Talk
 1:00 Weekend All Things Considered
 2:00 Fresh Air Weekend
 3:00 The WMTF Jazz Network
Evening
 6:00 Morning Edition
 11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in)
 12:00 The Connection (call in)
 1:00 Fresh Air
 2:00 Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me
 3:00 That's the Nation (call in)
 5:00 All Things Considered
Morning (Tue-Fri)
 7:00 The World
 8:00 Marketplace
 8:30 Says You (Tue) Latino USA (Wed)
 Living on Earth (Thu) Uncommon Knowledge (Fri) Rewind (Sat)
 9:00 The WMTF Beethoven Network
Afternoon
 1:00 All Things Considered
 3:00 The WMTF Jazz Network
Evening
 6:00 Morning Edition
 11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in)
 12:00 The Connection (call in)
 1:00 Fresh Air
 2:00 Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me (Tue) Rewind (Wed) Says You (Wed) Newsweek Knowledge (Sat)
 3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in)
 5:00 All Things Considered
Morning (Sat)
 7:00 The World
 8:00 Marketplace
 8:30 Rewind
 9:00 The WMTF Beethoven Network

Afternoon

1:00 All Things Considered
 3:00 The WMTF Jazz Network
 5:00 WMTF Jazz
Evening
 6:00 Thistle & Shamrock
 8:00 Rewind
 8:30 Says You
 9:00 Weekend Edition Saturday
 11:00 Car Talk (call in)
 12:00 Beale Street Caravan
 1:00 Weekend Edition Saturday
 3:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night
 5:00 National Pub Club

KOREA

EAGLE FM
Morning (Sun)
 12:00 2-Rock
 4:00 Bright Adult Contemporary
 8:00 Christian Contemporary
 9:00 Bright Adult Contemporary
 10:00 Saturday Night 90's
Afternoon
 12:00 Bob Kingsley's Country Countdown
 4:00 Bright Adult Contemporary
Evening
 9:00 Z-Rock
Morning (Mon-Fri)
 12:00 Adult Rock
 5:00 Live Local Show (Seoul, Ulsan, Busan, Taegu and Osean)
 10:00 Live Local Show (Seoul, Taegu and Osean)
Afternoon
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 3:00 Live Local Show (Korea-wide)
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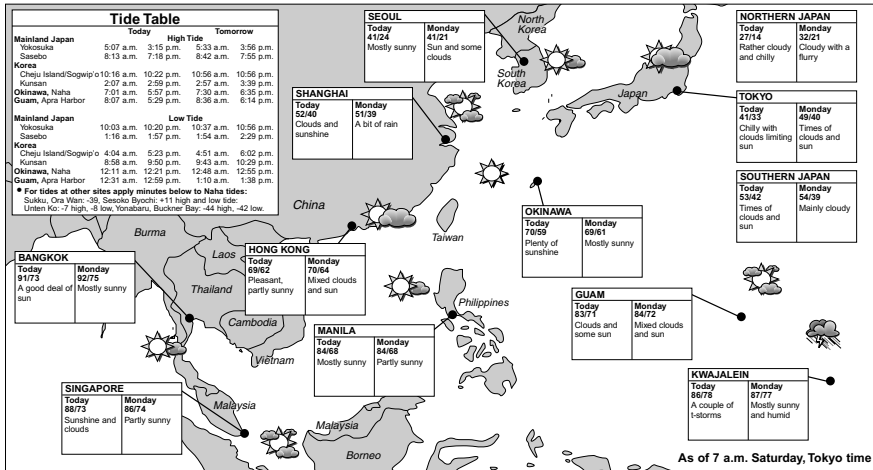
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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO
Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 52, low 33.
Wednesday: Snow showers, high 46, low 36.

KADENA
Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 74, low 65.
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, high 69, low 59.

SEATTLE
Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, high 35, low 17.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 32, low 10.

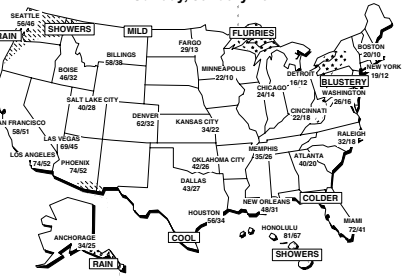
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Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 69.
Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 70.

HAGATNA
Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 74.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 75.

Friday's USA Temperatures

| CITY | HIGH/LOW | CITY | HIGH/LOW |
|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Albuquerque | 61/38 | Los Angeles | 72/52 |
| Amarillo | 72/33 | Little Rock | 60/42 |
| Anchorage | 30/24 | Louisville | 37/32 |
| Ashville | 51/31 | Miami | 77/58 |
| Baltimore | 26/10 | Milwaukee | 23/17 |
| Birmingham | 67/49 | Nashville | 48/41 |
| Bismarck | 30/-2 | New York | 21/9 |
| Boise | 42/30 | Omaha | 35/10 |
| Boston | 14/4 | Orlando | 75/50 |
| Brownsville | 81/64 | Philadelphia | 23/10 |
| Buffalo | 8/0 | Phoenix | 72/56 |
| Burlington | -2/-16 | Pittsburgh | 25/10 |
| Charleston, SC | 63/38 | Portland, OR | 57/43 |
| Charlotte | 50/30 | Portland, ME | 10/-8 |
| Cleveland | 18/12 | Salt Lake City | 41/26 |
| Columbus, OH | 24/20 | St. Louis | 37/26 |
| Duluth | 18/5 | San Antonio | 78/58 |
| El Paso | 68/44 | San Diego | 70/54 |
| Hartford | 12/-5 | San Juan | 82/70 |
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| Indianapolis | 27/21 | Tulsa | 64/35 |
| Jacksonville | 72/47 | Washington | 29/18 |
| Kansas City | 37/17 | Wichita | 58/27 |

Sunday, January 23



U.S. Extended Forecast

Snow will come to an end across the Northeast and New England Sunday as low pressure moves eastward off the coast, and high pressure will dominate most of the country. Expect cool temperatures across the East. A nearly stationary area of high pressure across the southern Rockies and Great Basin will keep dry weather in that region, although areas of dense fog will be common in valley locations. An approaching front will bring some rain to western portions of Washington and Oregon. Most of the country will be precipitation-free Monday and Tuesday, except for some snow showers near the Great Lakes and some wet weather in the Pacific Northwest.

Sunday's Pacific Temperatures

| CITY | HIGH/LOW | CITY | HIGH/LOW |
|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Bangkok | 91/73 | Iwakuni | 46/40 |
| Beijing | 45/27 | Kadena AB | 70/59 |
| Camp Casey | 41/23 | Kunsan AB | 43/33 |
| Christchurch | 72/53 | Kwajalein | 86/78 |
| Diego Garcia | 88/79 | Manila | 84/68 |
| Hagatna | 73/63 | Misawa AB | 31/18 |
| Hanoi | 84/71 | Osan | 41/26 |
| Hong Kong | 69/62 | Perth | 65/73 |
| Honolulu | 81/67 | Pusan | 47/38 |

Sunday's World Temperatures

| CITY | HIGH/LOW | CITY | HIGH/LOW |
|-----------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Acapulco | 88/72 | Katol | 32/19 |
| Athens | 46/34 | Kiev | 84/65 |
| Auckland | 72/59 | Buenos Aires | 84/65 |
| Baghdad | 59/31 | Cairo | 63/43 |
| Barbados | 86/69 | Cancun | 76/62 |
| Barcelona | 55/34 | Cape Town | 70/51 |
| Berlin | 29/20 | Geneva | 32/20 |
| Bermuda | 68/56 | Guatemala | 36/26 |
| Brussels | 34/23 | Honolulu | 81/67 |
| | | Johannesburg | 85/62 |
| | | London | 76/62 |
| | | Madrid | 70/51 |
| | | Mexico City | 63/41 |
| | | Montreal | 41/1 |
| | | Mogadishu | 91/75 |
| | | Moscow | 23/17 |
| | | Nairobi | 87/55 |
| | | New Delhi | 67/38 |
| | | Oslo | 26/16 |
| | | Paris | 32/23 |
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Sunday Horoscope

Mother Moon is in Cancer, her native home. This and other astrological aspects could inspire you to call your own mother or honor her in some way. Any unresolved issues around the idea of mother now get another, hopefully more compassionate, look. It also becomes important that domestic life mirror life outside the home and life internal.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(January 23). The world wants you to succeed this year. The more you can see this, the better loved you feel and the more confident you are as a result. Believing the best about human nature is your key to success. Attention to detail attracts the interest of wealthy business partners! It's wonderful when someone invests in you. Love signs are Pisces and Taurus.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You wake up focused. From the first rays of sun to the whir of the coffee grinder, every sight and sound reminds you of the one with whom you're trying to connect. By sundown, you'll succeed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

The picture of love you paint in your mind may be unrealistic, but it sure is a beautiful thing to gaze upon. Seldom do you indulge yourself in non-reality for as long as you may today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

It's all about casting. The right people around you will keep the doldrums from setting in. Create social opportunities so you can revel in the sweet exclamations of lighthearted friends.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Whatever you take on, do it without a doubt because hesitation is the enemy now and second-guessing causes only problems. Let your well-honed instinct carry you toward the smart people who can help you succeed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

It's not the last time you'll have one of those long, arduous conversations

with an emotionally ailing friend, but it may be the first time this person follows your advice. Take a photo. You'll want to remember this.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Others would be wise to add to their team, but please you to their party or, even better, propose to you. Your mental clarity (amidst bedlam) helps you prevent a mistake from happening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

The thing about magic is, there will always be a certain percentage of the public that can't stomach its disbelief because it is too bent on figuring out the "trick." Today, you'll win over even those skeptics.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Be open-minded. If your sign mate Nelly can have a hit song with country artist Tim McGraw, you, too, can find a way to work with the Taurus in your life — and maybe even make some money together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

No, you're not imagining things. There's real chemistry between you and that quirky someone. Don't even think about what your next move might be. Things unfold in an inevitable fashion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

When it's not working, simply back off. Once you release the need to prove your point, you'll experience happiness. An emphasis on listening and receiving will allow you to accomplish much with very little effort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

When you can't afford something, don't rationalize that you didn't need it in the first place. Instead, put your air-sling ingenuity to practical use, and figure out another way to get what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Pick up on your expectations of a new project. Like cakes on the grid, the first one usually doesn't turn out so great. Toss it, and try again. You'll soon get to something golden.

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Holiday Mathis



Stylist stepmom gets unkinked

Dear Abby: My father is upset with me and my sister-in-law because we don't ask his wife "Clarice" — who is a hair dresser — to cut, color or style our hair.

Clarice primarily services middle-aged and older females, who usually request haircuts and styles far different from what we want as young women. She does a great job as a stylist on that particular kind of client, but we're less confident in her skills with trendier styles and colors — not because she's incapable, but because you become expert at what you do every day.

We have never discussed our feelings with Clarice; for years we just got our hair done elsewhere. Dad recently let us know that our choice of stylists has hurt his wife's feelings. We all love Clarice dearly and have a good relationship with her otherwise. Do we have a family obligation to use her services? How should this be addressed?

— Feeling Trapped in Georgia

Dear Feeling Trapped: I was wrong of your father to put you on the spot, but now that he has, you must talk to Clarice. Many women would rather curl up and "die" than change hairdressers. Since you have a long-standing

relationship with yours, explain that to Clarice. However, please keep in mind that a good hairdresser is more than a one-trick pony.

Dear Abby: I have a big decision to make and I need your help. I am from New York but I have lived in Virginia for 10 years. I moved after I got divorced and took my two boys with me.

I went home to New York with the boys and now would like to move back because my parents and grandmother are getting old. I am 44, my boys are 19 and 21. The problem is, they don't want to go.

I have no life because all I do is take care of my boys. I make good money but I have nothing to show for it because of them. They use me. Both of them live with me and neither one helps with the bills. They both earn as much money as I do, but I am always sacrificing myself to give them money.

I can't take it anymore. I feel I'll never leave them. They're never growing up. It pains me that I'll be so far away from them, but my brother has offered to sell me his house, and I really want to go. Please help.

— Vacillating in Virginia

Dear Abby



Don't let unsuccessful dating experiences bring you down

Dear Annie: I am 21 years old and was asked out on my first date a month ago. I was thrilled.

"Brad" and I went out three times, and we really seemed to like each other. Well, it's been two weeks since our last date, and I haven't heard from Brad except when we've exchanged small talk. He's made no effort to see me and hasn't returned any of my calls. Yesterday, I left him a message, asking why he's been blowing me off for two weeks. I haven't heard back yet.

I'm really hurt by this. Brad was the first guy I ever dated, and now I'm afraid something must be terribly wrong with me. I've been trying to keep myself busy and forget him, but I can't. I don't want to let this go ever again if this is what it feels like. How can I get over the hurt?

—Heartbroken Hannah

Dear Hannah: Welcome to the world of dating — so men and women are jerks. Brad may have felt you were getting too serious, or he may have met someone else, but there is no reason to assume the fault is yours.

Since this was your first dating experience, it's possible you could use some pointers. Ask your closest friends to give you a brutally honest critique of your appear-

ance and your approach. Consider the "Brad experience" a way of getting your feet wet.

Dear Annie: While in high school, I could have written the letter from "Look What Followed Me Home in Texas." I, too, had a "tag-along" friend who

couldn't leave me and my friends alone even though she was unwanted company. I first politely asked her to go away, and then ignored her. Finally, I thought I could help her develop some needed social skills so someone would want her as a friend.

Optimistically, I tried to focus on her good qualities and stuck up for her when others

maligned her. Soon my own friends began to mock me from me, and eventually, I felt strangled by her desperation. I put too much of my energy into trying to help her while important years of my high school life went by. And in the end, I was no help to her at all. I decided to separate myself from this girl, and in the effort, I too, was alienated after all else failed. One day, I just exploded. I'm not proud of what I said, but it worked. I never saw her after that, and I felt I'd had a hundred-pound sack of problems lifted from my back.

— Glad To Be Free

Dear Vacillating: Your "children" aren't children anymore. They are both self-supporting young men. The greatest gift a parent can give a child is independence.

The longer you remain a crutch, the longer your sons will lean. If you want to be nearer to your family, for heaven's sake, go! You have the chance of a lifetime, and you should take it.

Dear Abby: Thank you for completely debasing the act of giving my best friend a pair of diamond earrings on her retirement last year. I find it reprehensible that you assume we had slept together and that we intend to. Is it really that incomprehensible that everything in this world is not about sex?

— Infuriated in Belton, Mo.

Dear Infuriated: The letter I printed wasn't from your wife. It came from a woman in Minnesota. Not only had her husband bought the woman diamond earrings, but he had also been buying her lingerie from Victoria's Secret. In addition, his wife had caught him lying about his relationship with the recipient. Cool off.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6980, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.earthlink.net/dearabby>

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Dear Glad: We appreciate your honesty and agree that you aren't obligated to be friends with everyone. We only wish you had found a kinder way to extricate yourself, instead of piling additional hurt on this unfortunate girl.

Dear Annie: My wife died several years ago. At a recent bereavement meeting, we were asked to write a love letter or note written to or from our loved one to share with the group. I read a short note my wife wrote me on her 40th anniversary, but surprisingly, very few people had anything. I then asked who had received comments written on birthday or anniversary cards, and one woman said, "My husband always signed his cards. With much love. Another found one of her husband's notes and framed it."

I wish I had more than the dozen handwritten notes from my late father I read, clutched and now cherish.

— A Grieving Husband

Dear Grieving Husband: The art of the handwritten letter has gone the way of the Pony Express, and you have eloquently pointed out what has been lost. Our condole-

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'Down East' follows downwind

My husband and I have just returned from a vacation to Maine, or "Down East." While we were there we asked several people why the region is called "Down East," and not "Up East," as you would expect.

The term "Down East," an apparent misnomer applied broadly to the northeastern coastal United States and parts of Canada — and specifically to the coast of Maine — has been around for quite some time, dating back perhaps as far as the colonial period. Several theories of origin have been put forth and debated over the years, but none can be proved.

The coast of Maine lies to the northeast of Boston. One theory

ties the origin of "Down East" to the days when the majority of travel between Boston and Maine was done in sailing vessels. Because the winds were most often southeasterly, especially during the time of year when most travel took place, ships sailed downwind when sailing in a northeasterly direction. Travelers heading to Maine were thus said to be traveling "down" or "down east."

A second theory is that "down" was used to imply a direction that travel was taking place in a direction away from the hub.

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RELIGION

What the heck? Blasphemies lose their bite

Attitudes ease toward use of religious terms

BY JEFFREY WEISS

The Dallas Morning News

A chance remark can reveal a heck of a lot more than we intend.

Last month, the editor of the Jewish weekly newspaper *The Forward* defended the inclusion of Madonna on the paper's annual list of most influential Jews in America. But isn't she Catholic? "She's a practitioner of the Kabbalah, so she's practicing Judaism, for Christ's sake!" the editor J.J. Goldberg, told the *New York Daily News*. "Well, not really for Christ's sake."

Most Americans would be amused by that line. Some would find it offensive. Either way, it's more than just a punch line: The editor of a Jewish newspaper can invoke the Christian deity without in any way considering the literal meaning. And a major daily newspaper will print the quote as delivered.

Where has blasphemy gone, for Pete's sake? For many of us, the cultural taboos that made the colorful use of faith-linked words so dangerously satisfying have mostly vanished. And like Goldberg,

most of us don't think about the original connections when searching for words to shout when we want to add an oral exclamation point.

On the other hand, the words remain enough mojo that darned near any American who whacks his thumb is likely to sprinkle religious references among the words for family members, body parts and bodily functions.

Or as David Letterman said on his show recently: "Holy crap!"

There's evidence that human brains are hard-wired into using taboo words as emotional escape valves — the more taboo, the more effective.

Tourette Syndrome is a brain disorder that includes involuntary shouting of obscenities.

"They will tell you, if I say 'sexual term involving a parent,' it makes me feel better than when I say 'damn,'" said Timothy Jay, author of "Why We Curse" and a psychology professor at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

And which words are considered most taboo can offer an emotional X-ray into the core values of a person or a people.

"It tells you what a culture thinks is acceptable and what's not," said Reinhold Aman, editor of the scholarly *Malediva: The International Journal of Verbal Aggression* and a lifetime professor of medieval literature.

By that measure, the sacred is

What's the bleeping difference?

Experts describe different kinds of taboo words found in every human culture.

- Obscenity generally refers to sexual activity.
- Vulgarity generally refers to non-sexual bodily functions.
- Blasphemy generally refers to aspects of God, saints or other sacred topics. ("Damn" and "hell," mild by today's standards, were once considered blasphemous.)

We don't have a specific name for nasty — but not obscene or vulgar — terms aimed at family members: "Yer muddah wears Army boots!"

— The Dallas Morning News

no longer most sacred in America.

Sex, bodily functions and family, it seems, are more sensitive topics than religion, based on the relative frequency of use — and prohibitions against polite use — of various kinds of swear words.

The sacred and profane are an odd pairing in most contexts, but stand comfortably together in foul language in most cultures. That's partly because they both pull concepts where polite society says they don't belong, said Geoffrey Nunberg, author of "Going Nuclear: Language, Politics, and Culture in Controversial Times" and a researcher at Stanford University's Center for the Study of Language and Information.

Obscenity takes bedroom and bathroom activities and drags them out into the living room, he

said. Blasphemy, on the other hand, hauls heaven down into the common world.

Both feel satisfyingly "wrong" when we want to vent our frustrations.

Faith words are still a vital part of the salty lexicon in the United States and other countries. The specific words used shift from nation to nation. And as with Goldberg, individual beliefs don't necessarily tip off what words someone will use.

There was a time when using religious language in the wrong place or manner could get you thrown in the stocks or even buried at the stake.

The longtime prohibitions against "bad words" fueled a dizzying array of euphemisms.

Heck and Sam Hill stand in for hell. Pete takes the place of God,

as in "For Pete's sake." (There is no link to St. Peter, word experts say.) Good golly originally had nothing to do with Miss Molly.

Like gosh and golly, Jesus Christ, Jezebel, Judas Priest and even the Crocodile Hunter's "Crikey!" softened the straightforward J.C.

But if pop culture is an indicator, the need for euphemisms has waned.

Broadcast TV remains more cautious than many other cultural outlets. While "Oh my God!" can be heard virtually anywhere in prime time, ads are still a blasphemy-free zone.

Cable, from "The Sopranos" to "Bill Maher," bars few if any words. Comedy Channel's tabooshredding "South Park" started as a sketch that featured a wrestling match between Jesus and Santa Claus.

Movie ratings also indicate a softening of attitudes, said Jim Wall, the former editor of *Christian Century*, who is a longtime adviser to the appeals board of the Motion Picture Association of America.

The softening of standards — or degradation, depending on your point of view — can be traced to the salty language of soldiers coming home from World War II, Aman said. Vietnam and the challenges to all authority during that era, gave another boost to blasphemy and obscenity filtering into standard use.

Migrants' faith plays a role in trips to the United States

BY ANABELLE GARAY

The Associated Press

ALTAR, Mexico — Along a northbound dirt road, a young couple elated in jeans and T-shirts jumps out of an idling van and walks toward the path's edge, making for a white concrete box with an ornate, wrought-iron cross perched on top.

Dozens of candles — some lit, some melted, some broken — are crammed inside the 5-foot-high makeshift altar, along with statues of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Jude, patron saint of lost causes.

As the couple kneels before the display with bowed heads, a little boy runs out of the van and kisses the ground.

The humble spot some 60 miles south of the Mexico-Arizona border serves as one of the last places where migrants worship before being shuttled to spots where they must attempt to slip illegally into the United States on foot.

On their trek for economic survival, migrants traveling through the treacherous Arizona desert also find themselves embarking on a religious journey. Many rely on faith to sustain them through the trip's perils, stopping to pray at icons or lighting votive candles to remember those who died along the way.

Before jumping aboard moving cargo trains during the hot night, 29-year-old Carlos Enrique Cano Vanega and other Central Americans he was traveling with would pray by the side of the tracks.

"We began to entrust ourselves to God

and asked that he would keep us safe," said Cano, a Honduran man who had journeyed to this Mexican community recently in preparation for an attempted trip to the United States.

People everywhere will often seek spiritual comfort during troubled times. And culturally, Latin Americans identify themselves as religious, even if they don't attend services regularly, said Jacqueline Hagan, co-director for the Center for Immigration Research at the University of Houston.

In the case of poor immigrants, reliance on faith is even heavier because they have virtually no other resources, Hagan said. "The only recourse they have is to turn to religion, and that's all they really have on the road as well," she said.

Before embarking on the trek into the United States, indigenous residents of the Guatemalan highlands seek counsel about whether to make the trip and when to go from evangelical pastors or the Black Christ, a dark-skinned depiction of Jesus common in parts of Latin America, Hagan said.

"Religion is their spiritual passport in the absence of authorization," she said. "They get sanctioned by God to do this."

For Cano and others on the train, reading the New Testament to each other brought comfort.

"You feel something... you feel safer than being out there" without anything to sustain you, he said at a migrant shelter in Altar, a city that serves as a popular stag-



Two migrants light candles at an altar along the toll road to Sasabe, Mexico, on Sept. 30 in Altar, Mexico. The altar, crammed with candles and statues, is one of the last places migrants can stop and worship before traveling the dirt road used mainly for shuttling migrants to various spots where they will attempt to enter the United States.

ing area for migrants planning to cross the border at Arizona.

Migrants setting out on foot for the Arizona desert are often ill-equipped for the tough terrain and the lack of water, shade or roads. They don't know much about the desert, the frigid cold in the winter and searing heat during the summer; the snakes and spiders; and the bandas de bajeadores, or rip-off crews hiding in wait for victims.

Once they reach their destinations, many will again frequent a church or shrine to offer thanks for their arrival.

And even if they don't make their destination before being caught and sent back, migrants often attribute how far they made it to religious intervention, Hagan said.

Many of the men who stay at the migrant shelter in Altar have been caught trying to enter the United States. With nowhere to rest or eat and hardly any money left, they wait there in the hopes that they can attempt another crossing, said coordinator Francisco Garcia.

Many told Garcia, "Si Diosio quiere, lo voy a volver a hacer." ("If the Good Lord is willing, I'm going to do it again.")

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Steelers backs want to atone for failures

Bettis, Staley both know feeling of losing in conference championships

By ALAN ROBINSON
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — If Duce Staley needed a team that could sympathize with his three consecutive NFC championship game losses, the Pittsburgh Steelers were it.

When Staley moved cross-state from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh as a free agent early last year, he went from one team determined to prove it wasn't a big-game failure to another.

The Steelers are 1-3 since 1995 as a home-field favorite in AFC championships — a record not quite as bad as the Eagles', but close. No wonder the Eagles, who play Atlanta on Sunday, and the Steelers are desperate to avoid a fourth loss each as they play host to the two conference title games. "He's focused in on this game," running back Jerome Bettis said of Staley's role in Sunday's Patriots-Steelers AFC championship.

"He thinks it's his best opportunity."

Staley, a three-time, 1,000-yard rusher in Philadelphia, left after his carries were cut by two-thirds last season amid a three-back rotation. He was Pittsburgh's primary runner when the season started, with four 100-yard games in a five-game stretch before he injured hamstringing Oct. 31 against New England.

Bettis, the No. 5 rusher in NFL history but mostly a goal-line specialist until Staley got hurt, stepped in with seven 100-yard games in as many starts.

Whatever disappointment Staley felt at least temporarily losing his job has been tempered by his friendship with Bettis.

With the Super Bowl just one victory away, he also doesn't want to disrupt an unimaginably good season that has seen the Steelers win a club-record 15 in a row.

"This wouldn't work on a lot of teams — two guys that love the ball, two guys that want the ball, two guys that are competitive," Staley said.

To Bettis, it's worked because both have put their egos aside at key moments: Bettis when he was benched to start the season, Staley when Bettis remained the starter even after Staley was healthy again.

Staley had only 123 yards in three games during the second half of the season, but had 54 yards on 11 carries in Pittsburgh's 20-17 overtime playoff victory over the Jets on Saturday. He took over in the fourth quarter after Bettis developed leg cramps.

The 255-pound Bettis will start against New England, but coach Bill Cowher said the 242-pound Staley will play in the first half.

"You have two guys who understand the situation and the gravity of it, who do not want to derail the train because of egos," Bettis said.

Staley ran for 125 yards and Bettis had 65 in Pittsburgh's 34-20 victory Oct. 31 that ended New England's record 21-game winning streak. The Steelers again want to pound the two power backs behind All-Pro line men Alex Fañeca and Jeff Hartman, to force the Patriots to commit extra defenders to the run and create opportunities for rookie Ben Roethlisberger to throw.

"You really have to bring your



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jerome Bettis (36) started the season as a backup used in goal-line situations but rushed for at least 100 yards in each of his seven starts when Duce Staley was injured.



Running back Duce Staley (22) left the Philadelphia Eagles, losers of three straight NFC title games, for the Pittsburgh Steelers, who since 1995 are 1-3 as a home-field favorite in AFC championship games.

lunch when you tackle these guys because they are so big," Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi said.

"We are going to have to stop the run to win this game. They are going to roll Staley at us." They are going to roll Bettis at us."

Getting the running game going is the Steelers' No. 1 priority, especially since Patriots star

QB's: Brady, Roethlisberger pile up wins, not statistics

QB's, FROM PAGE 38

The next week in Pittsburgh, he injured his ribs in the first half against the Steelers and Bledsoe relieved him and threw for the Patriots' only offensive touchdown in a 24-17 win. Brady was back for the Super Bowl, led the Patriots to an upset over St. Louis and established himself as one of the game's top quarterbacks — not a statistical machine, but a winner.

Both quarterbacks have a lot of support, especially on defense.

The Patriots set a record with 21 straight wins — 18 in the regular season — before the loss in Pittsburgh.

They have done it with everyone on the roster making big plays — especially Willie Ginn, Tedy Bruschi, Mike Vrabel and Richard Seymour on defense and Corey Dillon and five wide receivers on offense.

But when starters go down, others step up — like wide receiver Troy Brown, who had a punt return for a touchdown in the title game in Pittsburgh three years ago. Brown plays offense, special teams and is a third cornerback because both starters are out.

The Steelers averaged 154 rushing yards a game in the regular season, second in the league. Their defense allowed the fewest points in Pittsburgh three years ago. James Farrior had a career year at linebacker and second-year safety Troy Polamalu emerged as a player.

But quarterback is a glamour position, so Brady and Roethlisberger are likely to get the credit.

"This business is about being accountable," Steelers coach Bill Cowher said of Roethlisberger, who made no excuses for last week's mistakes. "To admit when you haven't done well is not a sign of weakness. It's a sign of strength. Sometimes you just have to have a bad game. But you learn from it, you move on, you grow from it."

Being underdog is extra motivation for Pittsburgh

By DAVE GOLDBERG
The Associated Press

The Pittsburgh Steelers got some extra motivation when odds were released for the AFC championship game. They were 3-point underdogs to New England despite having the NFL's best record, despite being at home and despite having beaten the Patriots.

Some were surprised by the perceived slight, given that Pittsburgh carries a 15-game winning streak into Sunday.

"The Steelers love it, though. What's better than being able to trot the old 'We got no respect' line?" In other words, no one wants to be the favorite.

"They deserve it," Pittsburgh cornerback Chad Scott says.

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"They're the champions. They played very well against the Colts and we just barely beat the Jets. That's why they're favored."

True, though the odds seem to ignore the Steelers' 34-20 victory over the Patriots on Oct. 31. Then again, the Patriots played that game without Corey Dillon, who ran for 144 yards against Indianapolis last weekend.

This is the first time the visiting team is favored in the AFC title game since the 1997 season, when Denver was favored by 2½ at Pittsburgh. The Broncos won 24-21 and went on to win the Super Bowl.

Minnesota was a 2-point road favorite against the New York Giants four years ago in the NFC and that didn't work very well: The Giants won 41-0.

In Patriots-Steelers, the spread reflects the quarterbacks.

Tom Brady has been the Super Bowl MVP in two of his three seasons as New England's starter, while the Steelers' Ben Roethlisberger is a rookie whose two interceptions almost did in his team last week against the Jets.

Yes, Roethlisberger is 14-0, far better than any rookie quarterback ever fared in the league, and he was a unanimous choice for NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year. But "rookie" and "championship" are words that don't mesh. And yes, the Patriots' party line about Pittsburgh is, "We're

playing the best team in the league."

Not until proven otherwise. ... **PATRIOTS, 20-19.**

Atlanta (plus 5) at Philadelphia: The Eagles demonstrated their win over Minnesota last week that they don't need Terrell Owens to be effective on offense. That game also showed why Philadelphia lost its third straight NFC title game last season — they didn't have Brian Westbrook, who like Owens is a threat from anywhere on the field.

The Falcons have a guy like that, too.

His name is Michael Vick and he plays quarterback with his legs as much as with his arm. In fact, he might be the answer to the Eagles' blitzes: They might be able to get by blockers, but Vick

is an escape artist like no one else.

Still, no one can beat Philadelphia by himself. And Donovan McNabb is a pretty good escape artist at QB for the Eagles.

The Eagles probably have the most to fear from their own psyche — those three straight losses have their fans scared. But Philadelphia should win this one, especially if it snows, as is forecast. The Falcons are an indoor team, and indoor teams have trouble in elements (see, Minnesota above).

Unless Vick is even more slippery on slippery footing.

Probably not. ... **EAGLES, 24-13.**

Last week: 3-1 (spread), 3-1 (straight up).

Playoffs: 5-3 (spread), 4-4 (straight up).

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History's darkest games haunt Philadelphia

HISTORY, FROM BACK PAGE

Last year, Carolina came to Philadelphia, ignored the elements and stunned the Eagles 14-3. Two years ago, Tampa Bay closed out Veterans Stadium with a 27-10 win, its first playoff victory when the temperature was under 40 degrees. In 2002, the Eagles lost at St. Louis 20-24.

"This is a totally different team, different players, different philosophies," said running back Brian Westbrook, who missed last year's playoffs with an injury. "We're going in with a fresh attitude and we're ready to play."

"We have some pressure. We put that pressure on ourselves because we want to win. Anytime you expect a lot of success, you're going to put a little bit of pressure on yourself. I don't think as a team we feel any pressure from anybody else except from the people that we have inside our own locker room."

The Eagles can't afford to be upstaged this time. They realize another loss would be devastating for a city that is starved for a winner. Philly hasn't celebrated a major championship since the 76ers won the NBA title in 1983, and the city has won an NFL title since 1960.

Fans have pinned their hopes on the beloved football team. But considering how often teams seem to come up short here, no wonder planning for Super Bowl Broad Street just yet.

"I want to win this for myself, but I would love to see those peo-

The Eagles' Brian Dawkins says, "I want to win this for myself."

ple have a great time after that victory, because they have definitely supported us through some tough times. Now that we're trying to get to the position we're in," Eagles All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins said.

Atlanta fans know a little about heartbreaking losses. The Braves have won an unprecedented 13 consecutive division titles, but only one World Series championship in that span.

The Falcons made it to the Super Bowl five years ago, with two players — Pro Bowl linebacker Keith Brooking and backup defensive lineman Travis Hall — remaining from the team's only NFC title.

Atlanta upset the Vikings in Minnesota to reach the 1999 Super Bowl, before losing to Denver in the playoffs.

One stat working in the Falcons' favor: Since 1990, the No. 1 seed is just 8-6 in the NFL championship. In Philadelphia, the team that was still a long time ago and was a different team. We want to go to the Super Bowl," linebacker Chris Draft said. "That's our ultimate goal. So if we don't get there, that's not good enough."

Same goes for the Eagles — again.

McKay key to Falcons' fortunes

After rift with Gruden, GM turned Atlanta into a winner

BY STEVE SPRINGER
Los Angeles Times

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — It was a clash of wills that threatened to tear apart the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

On one side was coach Jon Gruden, once the boy wonder of coaching, a renewed workaholic so confident in his own philosophy and methods that he walked out on Al Davis, rather than submit to the Raider way.

On the other side was general manager Rick McKay, whose claim to fame in his younger years was that he was the son of legendary Southern Cal coach John McKay.

Whom would you take? The Glazer family, owners of the Buccaneers, cast their lot with Gruden. Arthur Blank, owner of the Atlanta Falcons, hired McKay away in December 2001.

A year later, the Buccaneers, winners of a Super Bowl two years ago, finished at the bottom of their division — where they languished for much of their existence — having gone 5-11.

The Falcons, 5-11 and last in their division a year ago, went 11-5 and will play the Eagles on Sunday in Philadelphia in the NFC championship game.

Is McKay just one lucky guy, fortunate to be at the right time? Nobody around the Falcons, or the Gruden era in Tampa Bay, thinks so. Nobody talks about good fortune or coincidence when McKay's name comes up.

Having built a Super Bowl winner in Tampa Bay and then rebuilt the Falcons in one year, McKay has an image so strong that, when speculation turns to a possible successor for NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, the first name on most lists is Rich McKay's.

"It doesn't happen because the guy was lucky," said Reggie Roberts, Falcons vice president of communications. "It happened because the guy is in charge of football operations and knows what he is doing."

McKay isn't about to get into a public feud with Gruden, and he's not about to pat himself on the back either.

"It's nice to hear some of the things people say, but I just feel very fortunate to be here," he said. Having co-founded Home Depot, and then spent an estimated \$545 million to buy the Falcons, Blank knows about high finance. But he also knows that what he doesn't know is football personnel.

"I know the best thing I could do was to hire the right people," Blank said. "I know where I belong."

Not in the general manager's chair, making trades or picking draft choices. So Blank began his search for someone who could effectively fill that seat.

The man that constantly surfaced as being one of the tops in the league was Rich McKay," Blank said.

Thus began a long courtship.

When Gruden was hired, without McKay's being consulted, McKay started to talk seriously with Blank.

It soon became increasingly obvious that he and Gruden had different views of the future.

"I'm not going to mouth him, but his approach and mine were very different," McKay said. "Where the franchise was going philosophically didn't fit in with my vision. He had done a great job as coach of getting us over the top. I thought it was better if the general manager moved on."

Having inherited the league's worst coach, McKay signed Jim Mora Jr., who had never been a head coach, but had been a defensive specialist as an assistant.

Under McKay, the Falcons got rid of several players who had said lacked the right attitude, and switched from a 3-4 to a 4-3 defensive alignment. Atlanta went on to lead the league in sacks for the first time in its history and moved up to 14th in defense this season.

There were 25 new names on this year's roster, but the biggest change, says one organization figure, was the other: the attitude.

There was the 45-year-old McKay. Said Roberts, "He's super smart, with an Ivy League (Princeton) education, but he never puts on a face that says, 'I'm smarter than you.' He can mix with corporate CEOs, but he can also be one of the boys and that's what endeared him to the players."

And to Blank.

"The important thing is not just the rings and the championships," the Falcon owner said. "It's also who was in the boat with you, who was paddling beside you. At the end of the day, it's all human beings."

How the Falcons and Eagles match up:

PHILADELPHIA — Matches for Sunday's NFC championship game between the Atlanta Falcons and the Philadelphia Eagles.

WHEN THE FALCONS HAVE THE BALL
Atlanta's run-first offense led by a quarterback who is more dangerous using his legs than his arm. QB Matt Ryan (2) is credited with 902 yards on the ground, while the backfield of Derrick Green (28) and T.J. Duckett (46) combined for 1,615 yards, giving the Falcons the league's second rushing attack during the regular season (367 yards per game).

Dunn, who ran for 1,106 yards and nine TDs, is a speedy, elusive back, while Duckett (59) is a power runner. The Falcons try to exploit the Philadelphia defense, known for its weakness in stopping the run. The Eagles showed significant improvement after losing to the Redskins (34) and the Browns (24). MIA Jeremiah Trotter (40) reclaimed his starting role after being benched last season. Punter Wilbur Williams (2) is also making a comeback after a partial season in 2004.

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only 82 yards in last weekend's 47-17 rout of St. Louis, but ran for 129. He's already faced the Eagles in the playoffs, a 20-0 loss in a second-round matchup two years ago in which he was held to 30 yards rushing.

Philly's scrambling ability could negate the Falcons' rushing attack. QB Donovan McNabb (30) is a solid runner, averaging 21.5 yards per attempt with a long of 65 yards. Deater Wynn (28) is a solid receiver, averaging 21.5 yards per attempt with a long of 65 yards.

ON THE EAGLES HAVE THE BALL
QB Donovan McNabb (30) excels at spreading the ball around, keeping defenses off-balance. Even without his favorite target, injured All-Pro WR Terrell Owens (82), McNabb has multiple options, including RB Brian Westbrook (28).

Westbrook, who missed last year's playoffs after getting injured, is a player with the ability to score each time he gets the ball. He'll get plenty of opportunities on handoffs and passes, especially if he's lined up in the slot. He's a player with a definite mismatch that McNabb always tries to exploit.

Atlanta's front four is led by Pro Bowl DE Mike Jenkins (99) and DT Ben Cleveland (92). The Eagles' defense is credited with 20 sacks, while the backfield of Brian Westbrook (28) and T.J. Duckett (46) combined for 1,615 yards, giving the Falcons the league's second rushing attack during the regular season (367 yards per game).

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cluding a 69-yard TD. He also had one TD in the regular season on a punt return, and averaged 21.5 yards on kick returns.

Philadelphia rookie J.R. Reed (30) is a solid kick returner, averaging 21.5 yards per return with a long of 65 yards. Deater Wynn (28) is a solid receiver, averaging 21.5 yards per attempt with a long of 65 yards.

The Eagles have an advantage in the kicking game behind Pro Bowl kicker David Akers (2). The left-hander made 27 of 32 field goals, including an NFL-record 59 yards, and 13 of 16 PATs. He also had a long of 65 yards.

COACHING
Atlanta's rookie coach, Ryan, turned around a 5-11 team that wasn't nearly bad as its record last season, when Vick was the starter. Ryan, who was the head coach of a former coach — the elder Jim Mora was 6-6 in 2001.

McKay's aggressive and strong motivation to win is a key to his success. He's a coach who plays close attention to detail, and is often-mindful of a pass-first philosophy, the use of several disciplines of Mike Holmgren.

WINGBACKS
The Falcons are coming off a 30-point rout of the Rams and are hoping to advance further than most expected when they play the Eagles on Sunday. The Falcons have a strong offensive line, led by Pro Bowl center Matt Ryan (2) and guard T.J. Duckett (46).

Philadelphia's head coach has a major league coaching record. He's been in the NFL since 1983. The city is starved for a team that can win. The Eagles' coach, Ryan, turned around a 5-11 team that wasn't nearly bad as its record last season, when Vick was the starter.

The Eagles should get a boost from the return of Pro Bowl WR Terrell Owens (82). Owens is a 6-1, 215-pounder who has been a key player in the Falcons' offense. He's a player with a definite mismatch that McNabb always tries to exploit.

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— By Rob Maaddi, The Associated Press

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Kearse: Pass-rushing end figures to be Vick's spy

KEARSE, FROM BACK PAGE

"He's the kind of player that if you break down and try to do anything, he'll make you look so silly," Kearse said. "He'll leave you right there looking so silly. In a lot of situations, we're hoping to try to run through and make him pick a side, and hopefully the rest of our defense will be in pursuit to do whatever we want to do or stop him."

"Hopefully, we'll be able to match up speed with speed. I'm not saying in any way that I'm faster than Vick, but I think I can do some pretty good things as far as not letting him get outside and helping (to keep) our defensive backs from covering (him) all day."

Kearse, 28, lived up to his nickname, "The Freak," during his five seasons with the Tennessee Titans because of his rare combination of speed and strength. He led Philadelphia this season with 7½ sacks despite being double-teamed in most games. Some in the NFL believed Kearse had become overrated in recent years — he produced 36 sacks in his first three seasons but just 19 in three seasons since — but the Eagles made him their primary defensive target after a 14-3 loss to Carolina in the NFC championship game last January. Coach Andy Reid has repeatedly praised Kearse's ability to harass a quarterback and alter his run.

Kearse was a persistent nuisance to Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper — another willing and able runner — last Sunday, but Vick's rushing skills passed anything seen before at his position. It is also a left-handed passer, using a side of the field on rollouts and bootlegs that most quarterbacks do not, so Kearse, a natural left end, likely will be positioned more on the right side to put him in closer striking distance. He is relishing the opportunity to blitz Vick, as well as shadow him when the Eagles think he will run.

"I prefer to do both of them," Kearse said. "I prefer to be a pass rusher if that's what we need, or if we need a spy, I'm ready to do that."

The Eagles can ill-afford to allow Vick to get comfortable, and they are intent on pounding him whenever possible. They took a similar approach to Minnesota wide receiver Randy Moss, and he ended up having no impact on the game. Vick will have the ball in his hands on every offensive play. And does not shy away from contact, creating ample opportunities to punish him.

"With a guy like Mike, as many times as you can put a hat (he'll meet) on him, put a hat on him," Eagles Pro Bowl safety Brian Dawkins said, "to make it known and clear that if you do run the

ball, there is a chance you will be hit. I'm not saying that there's going to be anything done outside the lines, but you have to make sure that it's an emphasis: If you run the ball and you do get some yards, we are looking to tackle with this defense."

Philadelphia defensive coordinator Jim Johnson espouses aggressive packages, and the Falcons expect him to concoct some creative measures to address their three-pronged running attack. Vick is aided by the combination of bulldozing running back T.J. Duckett and the slythery Warwick Dunn, who can turn the slightest cranny into a huge gain. The Falcons ran for 327 yards against St. Louis last week, giving Johnson much to ponder in preparation for Sunday.

"I'm partial, I think (Johnson) is the best in the game at what he does," Reid said. "He does such a great job of studying offenses, particularly protections and the schemes. He has anticipation, skills and instincts. A lot of that is from work study and a lot of it is just his. He does a heck of a job."

If this defense is at all vulnerable, it is against the run. The Eagles routinely conceded more than 150 yards per game early in the season. Pittsburgh rushed for 252 yards against them in November — but middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter, who returned to the Pro Bowl after being released by Washington before the season, was adamant those problems

are behind them. "We still won't have a problem (stopping the run)," Trotter repeated Wednesday. "We still won't have a problem." Trotter, who was credited with seven tackles, a half-sack, an interception and two pass defenses against Minnesota, realizes what type of effort it will take for this defense — which is not particularly large up front — to stop Atlanta on the ground.

"I've definitely got to have probably my greatest game ever, and I look forward to doing that," Trotter said. "You're definitely going to see myself making a lot of plays than I did last week because they do run the ball. The middle linebacker is supposed to make a lot of plays. My team runs the ball on us. I'm looking forward to that."

Trotter was a part of the Eagles' teal test in the NFC championship game to St. Louis in 2002 (29-24), then watched on television the past two years as they fell to Tampa Bay (27-10) and then Carolina. And now, in the title game would crush Philadelphia's rabid fan base and mark the franchise as the Buffalo Bills of the conference. And now, in the title game and Trotter has no intention of losing to an underdog team in the biggest game of the season yet again.



In a 20-6 playoff loss at Philadelphia two years ago, McNabb Vick, above, threw for 274 yards and ran for 30 but the Falcons failed to score a touchdown.



Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb, above, had his best season this year: 64 percent completions, 3,875 yards, 31 touchdowns and only eight interceptions.

Revolutionary quarterbacks blow away all stereotypes

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — They are quarterbacks for a new age, transcending racial stereotypes and tossing aside the accepted notions of how the job should be done once the ball is snapped.

Donovan McNabb never viewed the pocket as some protective cocoon, to be defended at all costs. The Philadelphia Eagles' star demonstrated that a 20-year-old player can be a 30-year-old man. When last came Michael Vick, who took the door that McNabb nudged open and ripped it from its hinges. The Atlanta Falcons have a quarterback like no one that has come before — an implausible morphing of John Elway's powerful arm, Barry Sanders' jittery moves and Deion Sanders' one-gear-higher-than-everyone-else speed.

Now, they meet again, two old friends who've had such a profound impact on the NFL.

Get ready for McNabb vs. Vick. The Sequel.

And this time, one of them is going to the Super Bowl.

"I don't care what sport you're talking about. It don't get no better than this," said Falcons safety Keion Carpenter, who sat out the season with an injury.

The buildup to this enticed matchup showed just how much times have changed since Doug Williams was asked, "How long have you been a black quarterback?"

There was plenty of talk about the white stuff — snow was predicted in Philly, accompanied by a snarl of theories about its impact on the game. Barely anyone mentioned the color of the two quarterbacks' skin, which just happens to be black.

Still, this is a socially significant game for quarterbacks of color. For the first time, two black QBs will meet in a conference final. Either McNabb or Vick will go on to become just the third black QB to start in the Super Bowl, following Williams (1988) and Steve McNair (2000).

The one that traces those historic footsteps most likely will be the one who gets the most help from his teammates — particularly if the game bogs down in windy, icy conditions, becoming a battle of attrition that must be won with defense and the fewest mistakes on offense.

If nothing else, history shows the folly of turning a game that involves so many into a personal battle between two quarterbacks, no matter how wondrous their talents. Two years ago, McNabb's Eagles hosted the Falcons in a second-round playoff game that had the buildup of a heavyweight fight.

Alas, McNabb had to protect a gimpy ankle, having missed the final six games of the regular season,

and Vick struggled against Philadelphia's fearsome defense. The Eagles advanced to the NFC championship game by grinding out a 20-6 victory.

Philadelphia lost the following week to Tampa Bay, the second of what has grown to three straight defeats in the season's penultimate round. Even more galling to the green-clad faithful, the past two NFC title game losses have come at home.

At this point, it's Super Bowl or bust for the Eagles, who carry the hopes — and the weight — of an entire city. Philadelphia hasn't won a major sports championship since the '70ers captured the NBA title in 1983. The Eagles' last NFL crown came in 1960 — six seasons before the Super Bowl was born. "I don't know who the pressure's on," Vick said, "but I know the pressure's not on us."

McNabb's résumé is impressive — five straight Pro Bowl selections, four straight division titles, six playoff victories — but it's incomplete. As Dan Marino and Jim Kelly can attest, a quarterback gets only so many chances to achieve ultimate greatness in the Super Bowl. Who's to say that McNabb, while only 28, will ever get this close again.

"Your first goal as a quarterback is to win the Super Bowl," he said. "It's sad sometimes. So many great quarterbacks have played this game ... who didn't have the opportunity to win a Super Bowl. They got overlooked because of that. It's not fair."

Vick is four years younger than McNabb and appearing in the playoffs for the second time. Still, the Atlanta quarterback shows the impatience of youth. He's only two wins from a Super Bowl ring and — no offense to his friend — wants to get there first.

"It is the standard," Vick said. "In order to be recognized in this league, you have to get to a Super Bowl and win it."

While these two quarterbacks are linked by their unconventional styles, there's a definite disparity in the stat sheet.

McNabb has run less this season than in any of his previous five years (even 2002, when he played only 10 regular-season games).

While still a threat with his legs — 41 carries for 220 yards and three touchdowns — he spent more time in his arm. It paid off with the best passing numbers of his career: 64 percent completions, 3,875 yards, 31 touchdowns, only eight interceptions.

By comparison, Vick's passing numbers look downright mediocre — 56 percent, 2,313 yards, 14 touchdowns, 12 interceptions — but he isn't measured by the same standard as any other quarterback, even McNabb.

Vick is the Falcons' second-leading rusher with 902 yards, and led the NFL with 7.5 yards per carry. At any moment, he is capable of transforming an ordinary play into something spectacular.

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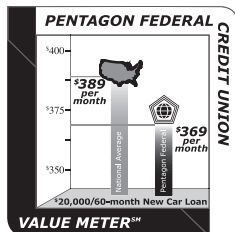


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McGrady leads Rockets to victory, return to Orlando

BY MIKE BRANOM
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Grant Hill sees the change in Tracy McGrady's game.

Playing in Orlando for the first time since a bitter parting last summer, McGrady scored 27 points to lead a balanced offense, and the Houston Rockets beat the Magic 108-99 on Thursday night.

"I think he realizes that other guys getting touches, getting involved early helps closing games," said Hill, sidelined for all season of McGrady's stay in Orlando. "It might not be as sexy as scoring 50 ... but you can see the growth on his part."

Unlike his time in Orlando, when McGrady was often the Magic's first, last and only scor-

ing option, his Rockets teammates can help him, and he is willing to lean on them.

Yao Ming added 20 points, and Bob Sura had 19 points, a season-high 11 rebounds and nine assists. David Wesley scored 18, and Juwan Howard 13.

"I didn't want to come out and make it a Tracy McGrady show, jacking up shots and playing outside the offense," said McGrady, who shot 8-for-21, including 1-for-7 on three-pointers, and made 10 of 12 free throws.

"I was calm and I was in the flow. Whatever Coach called, I ran."

Added Houston coach Jeff Van Gundy: "I thought he struck the right balance. He played the game to win, versus as an individual showcase."

The Rockets' team effort translated to the boards, where they scored 28 second-chance points off 17 offensive rebounds.

"Our guys were much more active trying to pursue second shots tonight," Van Gundy said. "The more penetration you get, the more the bigs have one more to help and/or try to block and that leaves more opportunities."

Said Orlando coach Johnny Davis: "Against a team like that, you can't allow them to have second shots because they're not real by a team that can overwhelm you. But if you allow them second shots, they can be pretty effective."

Yao made his first seven shots, which had to please McGrady. In Orlando, he quickly grew tired of looking inside and seeing

has-beens (Patrick Ewing, Shawn Kemp) and role players (Andrew DeClercq, Michael Doleac).

"Our guys battled him, but he's 9 inches taller, or whatever it is, and shot over the top of them," Davis said. "But they did compete against him. He scored, but it wasn't easy for him."

Steve Francis, the biggest name Orlando received in the McGrady trade, led the Magic with 28 points and nine assists. Kelvin Cato, who also came over from Houston, tied his season high with 14 points.

Hill had 21 points on 10-for-16 shooting, the day after an MRI exam on his sore right wrist showed only a bruise. On Tuesday, he scored a season-high eight points on 4-for-14 shooting.

"Part of me thought I shouldn't go," Hill said. "But it's Houston, Steve Francis, Mac, TNT."



Houston Rockets' Tracy McGrady, rear, embraces former teammate Grant Hill of the Orlando Magic after the Rockets beat the Magic 108-99 Thursday night. McGrady scored 27 points in his first game in Orlando since his contentious departure from the Magic.

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

| Atlantic Division | | | | |
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| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Boston | 18 | 20 | .474 | — |
| Philadelphia | 18 | 20 | .474 | — |
| New York | 17 | 21 | .447 | 1 |
| Toronto | 17 | 23 | .425 | 2 |
| New Jersey | 14 | 24 | .368 | 4 |
| Southeast Division | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Miami | 22 | 15 | .725 | — |
| Washington | 22 | 15 | .595 | 5½ |
| Orlando | 21 | 17 | .553 | 7 |
| Charlotte | 8 | 27 | .229 | 18½ |
| Atlanta | 7 | 29 | .194 | 20 |
| Central Division | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Cleveland | 23 | 15 | .605 | — |
| Detroit | 23 | 15 | .605 | — |
| Indiana | 19 | 18 | .514 | 3½ |
| Chicago | 17 | 19 | .472 | 5 |

Western Conference

| Southwest Division | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| San Antonio | 32 | 9 | .780 | |
| Dallas | 25 | 12 | .676 | 5 |
| Memphis | 22 | 18 | .550 | 9 1/2 |
| Houston | 19 | 22 | .459 | 14 |
| New Orleans | 6 | 32 | .158 | 24 1/2 |
| Northwest Division | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Seattle | 27 | 10 | .730 | |
| Minnesota | 19 | 19 | .500 | 8 1/2 |
| Denver | 16 | 22 | .421 | 11 1/2 |
| Portland | 15 | 23 | .395 | 12 1/2 |
| Utah | 14 | 26 | .350 | 14 1/2 |
| Pacific Division | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Phoenix | 31 | 9 | .775 | |
| Sacramento | 27 | 11 | .711 | 1 |
| L.A. Lakers | 21 | 16 | .568 | 8 1/2 |
| L.A. Clippers | 18 | 21 | .462 | 12 1/2 |
| Golden State | 12 | 27 | .308 | 18 1/2 |
| Thursday's Games | | | | |

Thursday's games

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| Houston 108 | Orlando 99 | |
| Sacramento 123 | Dallas 96 | |
| San Antonio 109 | Dallas 96 | |
| Dallas 101 | Washington 94 | |
| Houston 108 | New York 90 | |
| New Jersey 101 | Indiana 90 | |
| Atlanta 101 | Chicago 90 | |
| Detroit 101 | Miami 90 | |
| San Antonio 101 | Phoenix 90 | |
| Golden State 101 | L.A. Lakers 90 | |

Saturday's games

| Home | Visitor | Score |
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| Boston at Detroit | | |
| Philadelphia at Orlando | | |
| Chicago at Indiana | | |
| L.A. Clippers at New Orleans | | |
| Utah at Minnesota | | |
| Cleveland at Portland | | |
| Golden State at L.A. Lakers | | |
| Charlotte at Toronto | | |
| Denver at Dallas | | |
| New Orleans at Miami | | |
| Atlanta at Phoenix | | |
| San Antonio at Seattle | | |
| Portland at Sacramento | | |

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NBA calendar

| Date | Event |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| Feb. 18-20 | — All-Star weekend, Denver. |
| Feb. 21 | — Trading deadline. |
| Feb. 22 | — Regular season ends. |
| Feb. 23 | — All-Star Game, Detroit. |
| Feb. 24 | — NBA draft, New York. |
| Feb. 25 | — NBA Finals, San Antonio. |
| Feb. 26 | — NBA Finals, San Antonio. |
| Feb. 27 | — NBA Finals, San Antonio. |
| Feb. 28 | — NBA Finals, San Antonio. |

Kings top Cavs for sixth straight win

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Mike Bibby had 17 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds for the second straight game of his career, and the Sacramento Kings shut down LeBron James in their sixth straight victory, 123-96, over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday night.

Chris Webber had 27 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists for the Kings, who streaked to a big lead in the third quarter with an impressive exhibition of arguably the NBA's best passing offense.

Phoenix also got a 2005 second-round draft pick for swing man Casey Jacobsen, 23, and forwards Maciej Lampe, 19, and Jackson Vroman, 25.

To make room on the roster, the Hornets waived forward Matt Freije and guard Junior Harrington.

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NBA roundup

Sacramento took control early in the third quarter, with each basket seemingly resulting from an excellent pass or an eye-catching steal.

Peja Stojakovic scored 19 points and Cuttino Mobley had 16 on 7-for-7 shooting. With Bibby leading the way, Sacramento topped up 34 assists and had only eight turnovers in its highest-scoring

game of the season.

One night after becoming the youngest player in NBA history to get a triple-double, James had 18 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

Mavericks 99, Clippers 77: At Dallas, Jason Terry scored 11 of his 15 points in the third quarter, when Dallas went ahead to stay against struggling Los Angeles. With Avery Johnson coaching while Don Nelson missed his first game after shoulder surgery, the Mavericks went on a 14-6 run over the final 3:44 of the third quarter.

Hornets trade disgruntled Jackson to Suns

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Hornets traded disgruntled journeyman guard Jim Jackson to the Phoenix Suns for three young reserves on Friday.

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In other Hornets news, George Shinn has become sole owner of the team on Friday by purchasing the 35-percent minority share held by Ray Woolridge.

However, Shinn intends to sell minority shares in the team to New Orleans-area investors while maintaining a controlling interest of at least 51 percent.

Shinn declined to say how much he paid Woolridge, but a source familiar with the transaction told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that the price was about \$70 million.

Woolridge had reportedly paid \$56 million for a 35 percent stake in the team in July 1999.

Woods pleads guilty to abusing dog, is waived by Blazers

OREGON CITY, Ore. — The Portland Trail Blazers waived forward Qyntel Woods on Friday, the same day the player pleaded guilty to abusing his pit bull.

Woods, 23, appeared in court to enter his misdemeanor plea, part of an agreement following an investigation into allegations of dog fighting. He was sentenced to 12 months of probation and 80 hours of community service.

Briefs

"In light of today's developments, it is clear that the Trail Blazers and Qyntel Woods must part ways," Trail Blazers President Steve Patterson said in a statement. "We are confident that this action is both justified and appropriate."

The Trail Blazers suspended Woods indefinitely without pay on Oct. 12. He was in the final year of a three-year contract that would have paid him \$11 million.

Pistons acquire Arroyo from Jazz for Campbell, future pick

DETROIT — The Detroit Pistons acquired point guard Carlos Arroyo from Utah on Friday in a trade that sent center Elden Campbell and a first-round pick to the Jazz.

The 6-foot-2 Arroyo will provide depth behind Chauncey Billups and will now lead Lindsey Hunter — in his 12th NBA season — to play fewer minutes.

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Agassi defeats Dent, advances to fourth round

Mauresmo, Kuznetsova, S. Williams, Sharapova advance on women's side

BY PAUL ALEXANDER

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Four-time champion Andre Agassi used lobs and stinging passes to hold off Taylor Dent 7-5, 7-6 (3), 6-1 Friday, reaching the fourth round of the Australian Open and moving closer to a showdown with Roger Federer.

The eighth-seeded Agassi never faltered against his fellow American. Showing no ill effects from a torn tendon in his right hip, sustained just before the season's opening Grand Slam tournament, Agassi committed only six unforced errors — none in the final set.

The 29th-seeded Dent rushed the net on 136 of the 201 points but constantly found himself lunging and diving for shots, and winning only 51 percent of the court's. The packed center court roared in approval of the strong performance by both players.

"It's always a bit of a deceiving stat when you get a guy that's putting so much pressure," Agassi



said. "It seems like any time I did miss, it was because he was putting pressure on me."

Dent is one of the few pure serve-and-volleyers left in tennis. "If you're not on your game, he's one of the worst guys to play," Agassi said. "The guy's really talented, can make a lot of shots that you just don't expect him to be able to pull off, and he does them at the most important times."

Agassi is one victory from a quarterfinal match with Federer. The top seed lost his first service game, then got back on track and advanced when Finland's Jarkko Nieminen quit with an abdominal muscle tear on a day when injuries played a role in several matches.

Agassi next faces another

power player, No. 11 Joachim Johansson of Sweden, who survived a four-hour struggle against No. 24 Feliciano Lopez of Spain that went to 13-11 in the fifth set.

"Tennis can be a very cruel and sometimes arguably unfair sport," Agassi said. "You've got to deal with what's thrown at you. I can honestly say I'm glad I didn't go 13-11 in the fifth."

Playing better after injuring his right ankle, fourth-seeded Marat Safin was testy at times but kept his notorious temper in check in a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory against Croatia's Mario Ancic.

"When I twisted my ankle, I just kind of stopped a little bit thinking about the way I was playing," Safin said.

French Open champion Gaston Gaudio, seeded 10th, was able to continue after treatment on both thighs, but Dominik Hrbaty upset him in five sets despite 88 unforced errors.

Lisa Raymond lasted only one game of her doubles match before retiring with a strained back

muscle, leaving her doubtful for her third-round match Saturday against French Open champ Anastasia Myskina.

In another doubles match, 48-year-old Martina Navratilova advanced to the third round with Daniela Hantuchova.

Agassi was down 4-1 in the first set before coming back, although Dent still nearly forced a tiebreaker. Then Agassi went up a break early in the second set, only to see Dent tie it 3-3.

Dent fended off five break points while serving at 5-5, then squandered triple break point in the next game. At deuce, Agassi made a rare venture to the net and tapped a backhand drop volley that briefly rolled along the tape before falling for a winner.

Agassi never trailed in the tiebreaker, finishing it with a crisp backhand crosscourt pass. That seemed to take the steam out of Dent, who won only 11 points in the last set.

The 34-year-old Agassi, who refused to come to Australia early in his career, called the decision one of his greatest regrets.

"I keep trying to make up for it," he said.

And he gave no indication he plans to retire soon. When commentator Jim Courier asked when his son Jaden might be playing "Pete Sampras' son Christian, Agassi said: "Would it shock you if I told you I was going to play Christian Sampras before Jaden does?"

In women's singles, second-ranked Amelie Mauresmo and A.O. Open winner Svetlana Kuznetsova won in straight sets

and will face unseeded opponents in the fourth round.

Serena Williams, seeded seventh, ended the run of wild card Sam Mirza, the first Indian woman to reach the second round of a Grand Slam. Williams defeated Mirza 6-1, 4-4, ending with second-serve ace and skipping off the court. She next meets No. 11 Nadia Petrova.

"Finally, after forever it seems, I was able to feel my serve," Williams said. "So I was really happy about that."

Wimbledon winner Maria Sharapova beat China's Li Na 6-0, 6-2. Li had only three winners in her 50-minute loss. Sharapova, one of three Russians among the top six seeded players, next meets 15th-seeded Silvia Farina Elia of Italy.

"I'm a much better player than I was seven months ago," Sharapova said.

Mauresmo defeated Serbian teenager Ana Ivanovic 6-2, 7-5 and awaits Evgenia Linetskaya, a 6-3, 6-4 winner over American Amy Frazier.

Kuznetsova made 48 unforced errors in her 6-3, 7-6 (5) win over Mariana Diaz-Oliva. Also, 15th-seeded Silvia Farina Elia cruised past British qualifier Elena Baltacha 6-1, 6-0.

On the men's side, Sweden's Thomas Johansson, seeded 30th, survived his third consecutive five-set match by downing American Kevin Kim. No. 13 Tommy Robredo of Spain fell in straight sets to qualifier Marcos Baghdatis, who has won 17 of 18 matches, including qualifying.

Tennis scoreboard

Australian Open

Friday

At Melbourne Park

Melbourne, Australia

Purse: \$14.5 million (Grand Slam)

Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles

Men

Third Round

Marat Safin (4), Russia, def. Mario Ancic (20), Croatia, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Dominik Hrbaty (20), Slovakia, def. Gaston Gaudio (10), Argentina, 7-6 (3), 6-7 (8), 6-7 (1), 6-1, 6-3.

Thomas Johansson (30), Sweden, def. Kevin Kim (United States), 6-2, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-2.

Oliver Rochus (Belgium), def. Karol Beck (Slovakia), 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Jarkko Nieminen (Finland), 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Marcos Baghdatis (Cypriot), def. Tommy Robredo (Spain), 7-6 (3), 6-7 (8), 6-7 (1), 6-3.

Andre Agassi (8), United States, def. Taylor Dent (21), United States, 7-5, 7-6 (3), 6-1.

Joachim Johansson (11), Sweden, def. Feliciano Lopez (24), Spain, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7), 6-2, 13-11.

Women

Third Round

Amelie Mauresmo (2), France, def. Ana Ivanovic (Serbia-Montenegro), 6-2, 7-5.

Vera Zvonareva (Russia), def. Anna Groenfeldt (Germany), 7-5, 6-4.

Evgenia Linetskaya (Russia), def. Amy Frazier (21), United States, 6-3, 6-4.

Silvia Farina Elia (Italy), def. Elena Baltacha (British), 6-1, 6-0.

Svetlana Kuznetsova (5), Russia, def. Mariana Diaz-Oliva (Argentina), 6-3, 7-6 (3).

Nadia Petrova (13), Russia, def. Magdalena Maleeva (22), Bulgaria, 6-4, 6-2.

Serena Williams (7), United States, def. Sammir Elia (6-1), 6-4, 6-2.

Maria Sharapova (4), Russia, def. Li Na, China, 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles

Second Round

Jürgen Melzer (Austria), and Alexander Waske (Germany), def. Martin Garcia and Mariano Hood (Argentina), 6-1, 7-5.

Jonas Björkman (Sweden), and Max Mirnyi (4), Belarus, def. Stephen Huss and Peter Luczak (Australia), 7-5, 6-1.

Lu Yen-Hsun (Taiwan), and Takao Suzuki (Japan), def. Giorgio Calabroni and Filippo Volandri (Italy), 6-3, 6-2.

Women

Second Round

Eleni Daniilidou (Greece), and Nicole Pratt (16), Australia, def. Tathiana Garza (Italy), and Tina Krizan (Slovakia), 6-4, 6-2.

Milagro Sequeira (Venezuela), and Mellen Tz. (United States), def. Lisa Demelmeier (Latvia), and Nana Miyagi (Japan), 6-2, 6-2.

Elena Dementieva (Russia), and Li Su-yi-ma (8), Japan, def. Bel Selukowski and Cindy Watson (Australia), 6-3, 6-1.

Lindsay Davenport and Corina Morariu (15), United States, def. Olga Savchenko (Ukraine), and Emmanuelle Gagliardi (Switzerland), 6-4, 6-3.

Gabriela Navratilova and Michaela Pavlousova (Czech Republic), def. Jennifer Honig and Madison Washington (United States), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Daniela Hantuchova (Slovakia), and Martina Navratilova (United States), def. Trudi Musgrave and Christina Wheeler (Australia), 6-2, 6-0.

Chuang Chia-jung (Taiwan), and Rika Fujiwara (Japan), def. Janette Husárová (Slovakia), and Elena Dementieva (Russia), 6-2, 6-2.

Anna-Lena Grönefeldt (Germany), and Anna-Lena Grönefeldt (Germany), def. Lisa Raymond (United States), and Rennae Stubbs (1), Australia, 1-6, 6-3.

Anastasiya Yakimova and Vera Zvonareva (7), Russia, def. Brynne Stewart and Samantha Stosur (Australia), 7-6 (4), 6-7 (10), 7-6 (4).

Jane Lee (Taiwan), and Brenda Chan (China), def. Jelena Jankovic (Serbia-Montenegro), and Anika Bejic (Hungary), 7-6 (3), 6-3.

Svetlana Kuznetsova (Russia), and Alicia Molik (6), Australia, def. Maret Ani (Estonia), and Flavia Pennetta (Italy), 6-0, 6-3.

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Lehman shows he's still got game, leads Buick

U.S. Ryder Cup captain opens with 10-under 62 on North course at Torrey Pines

BY DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Not long after he was appointed Ryder Cup captain, Tom Lehman said he would like to play for the U.S. team next year in Ireland. Considering he hasn't won in five years, some people thought it was a joke.

Apparently not.

"It's a goal. It's a dream," Lehman said after tying his career-low round Thursday, a 10-under 62 on the North course at Torrey Pines that gave him a one-shot lead over Dean Wilson in the Buick Invitational.

"I'd like to be able to play well to be on the team," he said. "It would be a unique situation."

Lehman said he would still remain captain, working with assistants Loren Roberts and Corey Pavin. There hasn't been a playing captain in the Ryder Cup since Arnold Palmer in 1963 at East Lake.

The 2006 matches are 20 months away. And Lehman has said he wouldn't take a spot on the team if he slipped in the back door by relying on a bunch of top-10 finishes without winning. Plus, the bulk of the Ryder Cup points will be earned next year, and Lehman conceded "it would be an upset" if he made the team.



Tom Lehman hits from a fairway bunker on the 18th hole of the North course at Torrey Pines during the first round of the Buick Invitational on Thursday. Lehman, who has not won an event since the 2000 Phoenix Open, is the first-round leader at 10 under.

"But if my game keeps progressing, you never know," he said.

The idea Friday was for his game to progress by shifting over to the South course, which is so tough that players don't need a reminder it will hold the 2008 U.S. Open, while the North course will hold a bunch of corporate tents.

Just look at the leader board after one round of the Buick Invitational.

All but two of the top scores came from the North course, which measures a meager 6,873 yards and played nearly three shots easier than the South course.

The exceptions were Aaron

Baddeley (66) and Peter Lonard (67), whose round included an ace on the par-3 third hole with a 5-iron.

Among the top six players in the world at Torrey Pines, only Ernie Els played the North course and took advantage. Despite a few sloppy shots, he took advantage with nine birdies for a 7-under 65.

"You have one chance to shoot something really decent," Els said. "And you've got to hope for the best on the South. These are totally different. One is like a pitch-and-putt, and then you get to the real world."

Over in the real world, Tiger Woods struggled with lingering affects from the flu by making a 45-foot birdie on the par-3 third and twice saving par with long putts for a 69, putting him in a large group that included Sergio Garcia.

Vijay Singh, who missed his only cut last year in the Buick Invitational, birdied his final hole for a 71 on the South. Phil Mickelson made an inauspicious debut by hitting only five fairways, playing the par 5s in 2 over and shooting 72.

The average score on the South course was 72.43, compared with 69.56 on the North. No other PGA Tour event played on multiple courses has such a disparity.

A year ago, the North course was 3.53 strokes easier than the South course at Torrey Pines. The next greatest difference in courses was at the Bob Hope Classic, where La Quinta was 2.35 strokes higher than Indian Wells.

Aaron Oberholser polished off his 64 on the North course and already was looking ahead.

"It's nice to get off to a good start, knowing I've got to play the Monster tomorrow," he said.

The topic of Lehman being a playing captain at the Ryder Cup didn't come up because of one good round. Witness since the 2000 Phoenix Open, left off the last two Ryder Cup teams, Lehman has been working hard on his short game and everything started coming together late last year.

He tied for fourth in the Canadian Open.

Then, he finished his year by playing in the final group three straight weeks — Greensboro, Las Vegas and Disney — although his putting let him down in all three.

He made his '05 debut last week in the Sony Open, where he tied for ninth.

"I'm doing a lot of things right that you need to do right out here," Lehman said. "It would have been nice to continue to the first tee on the South course and keep going."

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Clemens' comeback back for 1 year, \$18M

By JOEL ANDERSON
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Roger Clemens is coming back for one more year — and getting the highest salary for a pitcher in baseball history.

The Rocket and the Houston Astros agreed Friday to an \$18 million, one-year contract, and the seven-time Cy Young Award winner made the contract announcement on his 32nd major league season.

"I'm ready for the challenge. Here we go again," Clemens said. Clemens, whose salary tops the

\$17.5 million Pedro Martinez signed with Boston last year in the option year of his contract, first retired after pitching for the New York Yankees in the 2003 World Series. But he changed his mind and agreed on Jan. 12 last year to join his hometown Astros, accepting a \$5 million, one-year deal that was way below his market price.

The 42-year-old right-hander helped lead the Astros within one win of their first World Series appearance, earning \$1,825,000 in bonuses based largely on Hous-

ton's home attendance, then said again that he was "99 percent" retired.

But momentum built after he returned earlier this month from a Hawaiian vacation, and he asked for \$22 million salary — matching his uniform number — when proposed figures for salary arbitration were filed Tuesday. Houston offered \$13.5 million, leaving the midpoint at \$17.75 million.

"I kind of sat back and laughed at the numbers," he said.

His agents, Randy and Alan

Hendricks, then negotiated the deal with the Astros on Wednesday and Thursday.

"This came on so fast last night," Clemens said, adding that he would start two-day workouts in the next few days. "I'm going to have to get ready to play again."

"I thank my family. Last night there were some smiles. There were some tears," Clemens added, saying that sons Koby and Kory helped talk him into playing again.



Roger Clemens

Pats' Seymour won't start Sunday but might play

The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — New England defensive lineman Richard Seymour will not start Sunday's AFC title game against the Pittsburgh Steelers because of a left knee injury, though might play as a substitute.

"We'll see where he is," coach Bill Belichick said Friday before the team's flight to Pittsburgh. "Maybe he can give us some situational help during the game." Seymour, one of two Patriots on the All-Pro team, remained on the injury report as questionable, meaning there was a 50 percent chance he would not play. The only other Patriots reported as injured were linebacker Ted Johnson, who was probable with the fullback Patrick O'Leary, who was questionable with a sore ankle.

Starting cornerbacks Ty Law and Tyrone Poole finished the season injured resting.

Seymour was injured in the Dec. 26 victory over the New York Jets and missed the last game of the regular season and the Patriots' first playoff game, a 20-3 victory over the Indianapolis Colts last week.

Niners hire HOF LB Singleton as Nolan's top assistant

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Hall of Fame linebacker Mike Singleton was hired to be the San Francisco 49ers' assistant head coach and linebackers coach on Friday. Singleton, who spent 12 NFL seasons with the Chicago Bears, was the last past the coaching as a linebackers coach with the Baltimore Ravens in his first coaching job. He worked closely with defensive coordinator Mike Nolan, who was hired as the 49ers' head coach on Wednesday.

Singleton, 46, played for the Bears from 1981-92 and was with the NFL's most consistent player in 1985 and 1988. After finishing his career with 1,488 tackles, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1998.

Three Falcons miss second straight day of practice

FLOWERY BRANCH — Offensive tackle Todd Weimer and cornerback Kevin Matthews sat out practice for the Atlanta Falcons on Thursday because of ailing ankles, leaving them questionable for the NFC championship game.

While coach Jim Mora said that players "were a lot better," they skipped practice for the sec-

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ond day in a row. The coach was hopeful both would be able to practice Friday.

Weiner has started all but one game at right tackle for Atlanta over the past three seasons. Matthews started 13 games in 2004, but Jason Webster probably will get the nod at right cornerback against the Eagles.

Backup defensive end Travis Hall also was listed as questionable, missing his second straight practice with a chest injury. He is one of only two holdovers from Atlanta's 1999 Super Bowl team.

SEC will review call against Arkansas three-pointers

LITTLE ROCK — The Southeastern Conference said Thursday it would review whether officials made the right call by disallowing a three-point shot by Arkansas that would have given the Razorbacks their first conference victory on the road in nearly two years.

LSU beat Arkansas 66-63 in overtime Wednesday night after officials made a call that Arkansas coach Stan Heath said compromised the integrity of the game. The three-man crew changed a three-point basket to a two-pointer, wiping out an apparent 39-38 Arkansas victory in regulation.

DeWayne Peavy, the SEC's associate director for media relations, said the league's disciplinary board Dan Guthrie should receive videotape of the game Friday. Peavy said it appeared the officials followed procedure correctly in reviewing the shot, but that a decision couldn't be made regarding the specific call until the tape was in.

Giles agrees to \$2.35 million, one-year contract with Braves

ATLANTA — Second baseman Mark Luth was signed to a \$2.35 million, one-year contract with the Atlanta Braves. Giles received a big raise from the \$430,000 he made last season. Eligible for arbitration for the first time, he had asked for \$2.7 million while the Braves had offered \$2.05 million.

The 26-year-old infielder batted .311 last season, with eight home runs, 8 RBIs and 17 stolen bases. He missed 52 games after breaking his right collarbone in a collision with Andrew Jones.

Devil Rays agree to contract with first-round draft pick

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The long wait is over for Tampa Bay Devil Rays pitching prospect Jeff Niemann.

The fourth pick in the draft last year, Niemann agreed to terms Thursday on a major league contract worth \$5.2 million over five years, including a \$3.2 million signing bonus.

The 6-foot-9, 260-pound right-hander will earn \$100,000 in the minors this year. If he makes a quicker-than-expected transition from college to the majors, he could earn \$316,000.

Niemann went 28-4 with a 2.1 ERA in three seasons at NCAA, including 17-0 in an NCAA Division I record and help the Bob win the College World Series in 2003. He was 6-3 with three saves and a 3.02 ERA in 17 games for the Orioles in 2004, allowing just 59 hits in 89 1/3 innings while striking out 94 and holding opponents to a .207 batting average.

Blake agrees to \$5.4 million, two-year contract with Indians

CLEVELAND — All those years in the minor leagues paid off for Casey Blake.

Blake agreed Friday to a \$5.4 million, two-year contract with the Cleveland Indians, a deal that avoided salary arbitration.

Blake joined the Indians in 2003 as a stopgap measure at third base after spending most of the previous seven seasons in the minors. His solid offensive numbers and capable defense made him part of the club's longterm plans.

Blake hit .271 with career highs of 28 homers and 88 RBIs in 152 games last season, ranking in the top five among AL third basemen in nearly every offensive category. He faces a new challenge this season in moving from third base to the outfield to make way for Aaron Boone, who signed with the Indians during last season but couldn't play because of an injury last June.

Blake will play left or right, depending on whether Juan Gonzalez makes the club as the starting right fielder.

Orioles sign reliever Reed

BALTIMORE — Reliever Steve Reed and the Baltimore Orioles agreed Friday to a \$1.05 million, one-year contract.

Reed went 3-8 last year and led the Colorado Rockies with a 3.68

ERA. He also tied Lee Smith's major league record by appearing in at least 50 games for the 12th consecutive season.

In 13 major league seasons, Reed has gone 48-42 with a 3.51 ERA.

He is 29th in appearances with 803.

Reed, 39, has pitched for San Francisco, Cleveland, Atlanta, San Diego and the New York Mets.

U.S. Soccer sides bicker over length of no-strike clause

NEW YORK — With the U.S. Soccer Federation still threatening to use a replacement team of minor leaguers in next month's World Cup qualifiers, lawyers for players and management argued over the length of a no-strike clause when they met with a federal mediator for the first time.

The players' association, which says it is being locked out, offered a five-month no-strike pledge to end the dispute, the union said after Thursday's bargaining session in Chicago.

Management and the union have been without a contract for more than two years and are fighting over money and other issues.

The USSF said it would use the regular national-team players for the Feb. 9 game at Trinidad and Tobago if the union gave a no-strike pledge through the end of qualifying in November.

Players then said they would agree to a no-strike clause that would qualify only if the USSF paid them at the rate of management's last proposal, not at the rate of the contract that expired in December 2002. The federation, which is offering retroactive increases once a new contract takes effect, said the new rate would be used now only if the players agreed to the deal until May 31, 2006, nine days before the scheduled start of the World Cup in Germany.

In addition, the union proposed that the mediator choose compromise numbers between the sides' proposals.

E. Conn. basketball player dies after collapsing at game

WORCESTER, Mass. — Eastern Connecticut guard Antoine Key died Thursday night after collapsing during the opening minutes of a game at Bradley.

Emergency personnel tried to revive Key, 22, and rushed him to a Worcester hospital, where he

was pronounced dead, Eastern officials said.

It was not immediately clear what caused Key to collapse during the game, which was suspended.

Key, a 6-foot-4 senior, transferred from Southern Connecticut in the fall of 2003. He started all 14 games this season and was averaging 7.6 points and 2.8 rebounds.

Sixth S. Carolina football player charged with theft

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A sixth South Carolina football player has been charged with stealing more than \$100,000 worth of computer and video equipment from Williams-Brice Stadium, university officials announced Friday.

Former tight end Brian Brownlee was charged with grand larceny, a felony. An arrest warrant says Brownlee confessed to taking two laptop computers, each valued at \$4,000, from computer projectors, worth about \$1,675 and \$850.

When a television reporter asked Brownlee at a bond hearing Friday afternoon if he was surprised at the charges, he replied, "No."

His lawyers told a judge that all items had been returned and Brownlee, who graduated in December, had turned himself into police. The judge granted Brownlee bond and permission to travel to Atlanta to train for the NFL.

University and athletic department officials and his lawyers refused to comment on Brownlee's charges Friday.

Five players were charged Thursday in the case. Offensive lineman Woody Telford was charged with grand larceny, while quarterbacks Syvelle Newton and Dondrick Pinkins, defensive lineman Freddy Saint-Preux and safety Rodrigues Wilson were charged with petit larceny, a misdemeanor.

The thefts, totaling \$18,000, occurred the night of Nov. 22 after the team was informed it would not go to a bowl game as punishment for on-field brawl with Clemson.

Men's Super-G wiped out

KITZBUHEH, Austria — The men's World Cup super-G scheduled for Friday was called off because of fog, freezing rain and unrelenting snow.

The race was probably rescheduled for Monday, after Saturday's downhill and Sunday's slalom on the Hahnenkamm.

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Boom or bust — again — in Philly

Eagles fighting a frightening playoff history

By ROB MAADDI
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Andy Reid is tired of going to Hawaii.

For the past three years, Reid and the rest of the Philadelphia Eagles' coaching staff have spent the week after the Super Bowl in Honolulu leading the NFC's Pro Bowl team, the result of losing the conference championship game.

Reid will gladly trade those floral shirts and leis for a trip to Jacksonville this year.

"I never thought I'd say I don't want to go to Hawaii," Reid said. "You get to this point, you really aren't that worried about what happened in the past. You are so focused in on what you need to do right now and the type of things that you are doing right now."

Playing in the past three NFC championship games gives the Eagles a significant edge over Atlanta in big-game experience.

Losing all three of those games also puts all the pressure on Philadelphia to get to the Super Bowl for the first time in 24 years.

The Falcons, meanwhile, have far less to lose. A year ago, they were 5-11. Now they're a victory away from the second Super Bowl appearance in franchise history; the other was in 1999.

"We're just going to go up there and play loose and let it roll," Falcons coach Jim Mora said. "We don't feel any pressure. It's house money we're gambling with. So we're just going to go up there and fling it around and see if we can't stay on the field with them for a little while."

The Eagles have traveled this road before, only to get dethroned at the last stop before playing for the NFL title. They were favorites at home the past two years against teams which played in a warmer climate and had trouble winning on the road and in cold weather.

It could be downright freezing when the Eagles (14-3) host the Falcons (12-5) on Sunday afternoon, with forecasters calling for snow.

"I don't think it'll be a factor," Falcons quarterback Michael Vick said. "Football is played in all types of conditions: rain, sleet, snow or whatever. The game is not going to be called off. This is for all the marbles."

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Out of reach

Since losing to Oakland in the Super Bowl on Jan. 25, 1981, the Eagles are 8-11 in the playoffs. Here's a look at some of the setbacks:

NFC championship games

2003 — 14-2 to Carolina
2002 — 27-10 to Tampa Bay
2001 — 20-24 to St. Louis
2000 — 20-10 at N.Y. Giants
1996 — 30-11 at Dallas
1992 — 34-10 at Dallas
1988 — 20-12 at Chicago

Wild-card round

1990 — 26-0 to Washington
1981 — 27-21 to N.Y. Giants

Note: Year denotes season, not date of game



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Kearse will be chasing Vick and the Super Bowl

By JASON LA CANFORA
The Washington Post

PHILADELPHIA — On Monday morning, the Philadelphia Eagles' day off, defensive end Jevon Kearse showed up at the team's training facility with only one thing on his mind. He was seeking out Tommy Brasher, the team's defensive line coach, to lobby for a more integral role in the game plan for Sunday's NFC championship game, volunteering to shadow Atlanta's gifted quarterback, Michael Vick.

Kearse did not want to reveal too much about the outcome of that meeting when speaking with the media this week — secrecy, after all, is a hallmark of the NFL — but his huge smile and hearty chuckle gave plenty away.

While the Eagles will not use a spy to follow Vick on every play, when they do, that player frequently will be Kearse, who has quickness and pass-rushing ability to go with his size (6 feet 4, 265 pounds).

Philadelphia signed the three-time Pro Bowler to an eight-year, \$66 million contract on the first day of free agency last year with precisely this game in mind, believing Kearse's impact on its defense would help end the team's three-year habit of losing in the NFC title game.

The Eagles once again will be a single afternoon away from their first trip to the Super Bowl since 1981, and Kearse figures to be at the center of the effort to contain Vick, who is considered by many to be the best pure runner in football and whose unpredictable quarterbacking style makes him the league's biggest wild card. Kearse expects to line up at right and left defensive end, and he plans to both pressure Vick, 24, on the pass rush and prevent him from getting to the outside and taking off on highlight-reel runs that are his specialty.

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Philadelphia signed three-time Pro Bowl end Jevon Kearse to an eight-year, \$66 million contract last year and he led the team with 7½ sacks.

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